

TWO CROSSES

As preached on Sunday, February 28th

Read: Mark 8:31-38

1. In 8:27 Jesus asks his disciples who people think he is. What are their answers? Why do you think those are the answers offered?
2. In 8:29 Jesus turns the question on his disciples, who do they think he is? How does Peter answer? What does his answer mean?
3. In 8:31 Jesus reveals what must happen to him as Messiah. Why must these things happen to him? Do you think the last thing he said even registered with those listening?
4. Saying that Peter disagrees with Jesus is an understatement. Why do you think Peter felt confident enough (arrogant enough?) to rebuke Jesus?
5. What do you think of Jesus' response to Peter in 8:33? How do you think Peter and the Twelve reacted? (Mark doesn't record their response so it almost invites our imagination!)
6. Jesus describes what it means to be his disciple in 8:34-38. What do you think? Is this the way most Christians live out their faith? Is there anything you might need to "set down" or "pick up" in your current season of following Jesus?
7. What are some specific ways we can ensure that we "stay behind" Jesus?