

LISTEN TO HIM!

As preached on Sunday, February 11th

Read: Mark 8:27-9:8

1. Think for a moment about your identity, who you really are. How do you reveal your identity to the people around you? Are there times when people mis-read or incorrectly evaluate your identity? How does that feel?
2. In 8:27 Jesus asks his disciples who people think he is. What are their answers? Why do you think those answers are being posed?
3. In 8:29 Jesus turns the question on them; who do they think he is? How does Peter answer? Do you think his answer represents all 12 apostles? Why, or why not?
4. In 8:31 Jesus reveals what must happen to him as Messiah. Why must these things happen to him? Why does Peter disagree? 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)
6. What is the significance of the Transfiguration recorded in 9:2-8? What does the Father say about Jesus, his Son? How does the Father's answer compare with the crowd's and Peter's?
7. 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 a difference between believing in Jesus and following Jesus?
8. In what ways can we accidentally project our ideas of a Savior upon Jesus as Peter did? How can we protect ourselves against doing so?