

God's Big Ideas

The Gospel of Mark – Bible study (for personal or group use)

In using this study, you may find it helpful to have the transcript of the teaching and/or the PowerPoint presentation to hand for reference.

Read Mark 8:27 – 9:8

1. What titles are ascribed to Jesus in this passage (8:29,31; 9:7)? What do you think they mean? Compare e.g. Mark 2:10,28; 12:35-37; 14:61-62.
2. Why do you suppose that Jesus tells the disciples not to disclose his identity as the Messiah (8:30)? How might Mark 4:10-12 shed light on this?
3. How does Jesus fulfil his role as the Messiah (8:31-33)? Why does Peter object to this idea? What does this tell us about the kingdom of God (compare e.g. Mark 2:15-22)?
4. How is Jesus' vocation in 8:31 reflected in his call to discipleship (8:34-37)? What might it mean to follow him in the way of the cross today? Compare e.g. Mark 10:42-45.
5. What motive is given for faithfulness to Jesus (8:38 – 9:1)? What will this event involve (compare Mark 13:24-27)? How else should we live in light of it (compare Mark 13:32-37)?
6. What might Moses and Elijah's appearance signify (9:4-5)? Compare e.g. Mark 1:14-15; 14:49. How do God's people live differently now (compare e.g. Mark 7:19b; 15:38)?