

Community Group Discussion Questions

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church | Sunday, September 3, 2023

The Suffering Servant: A Series over Mark 8-10 | “A Call to Deny Ourselves”

Read Mark 8:31-38

1. What does Jesus mean by "taking up the cross"? How can embracing sacrifice and surrender to God's will help us grow in faith and obedience, even when it's difficult?
2. We often face a tension between our desires and God's will. Share about a time when you had to lay down your own desires to follow God's leading. What was challenging about that? What fruit came from surrendering to God's way?
3. How do you discern the Lord's guidance when facing big decisions or crossroads? What scriptures, wisdom from others, and spiritual practices help provide clarity?
4. Tell about a time you felt torn between pursuing a passion or ambition versus prioritizing your relationship with Jesus. What was going through your mind? How did you work through that tension?
5. Our culture values achievement, fame, wealth. How can these become idols if we let them? What does Jesus mean when He says gaining the world loses our soul? How can we keep eternal perspective?