

living  
**AUTHENTIC**  
discipleship

FIRST LOOK @ JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 8:27-38

In order to live as an authentic disciple, we must begin to take on the mind and characteristics of Jesus Christ. This week we will see how Jesus moved ahead in His ministry knowing the suffering and rejection that He would endure. This First Look will prepare you to interact with your LifeGroup over the topic of *Crushing Sacrifice*.

**MONDAY**

Mark 8:27- 29

What question did Jesus ask His disciples? (vs. 27)

What answers did the disciples give to the question? (vs. 28)

What is the next question Jesus asked? (vs. 29)

Who answered this question?                      What was his answer?

How are the two questions Jesus asked different?

Reflect on and reconfirm your commitment to Jesus as your Christ.

**TUESDAY**

Mark 8:31

What are the things Jesus is listing that He must go through?  
(vs. 31 also read Luke 18:31-33)

What is Jesus preparing His disciples for? (Mark 8:31)

Read Luke 18:31-33 – Meditate on the things Jesus is saying He will be facing.

Thank the Lord for the sacrifice Jesus endured for you.

**WEDNESDAY**

Mark 8:31-33

What was Peter's reaction to Jesus' words?

Have you ever reacted like this toward others or Jesus?

How did Jesus respond to Peter?

Why did Jesus respond this way?

What are some ways you can set your mind on the things of God?

**THURSDAY**

Mark 8:34-35

What does Jesus state that you must do if you want to follow Him? (vs. 34)

What do you lose if you follow Christ?

What do you gain if you follow Christ?

How has following Christ affected your relationships? Priorities?  
Lifestyle?

**FRIDAY**

Mark 8:36-38

Answer the questions in verses 36 and 37.

What are the consequences of being ashamed of Jesus or His words?

Read Romans 1:16 – Is this verse a true statement of your life?

What needs to happen in your life for this statement to be true for you?