

# JESUS FOLLOWERS EMBRACE SURRENDER

## **BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS EMBRACE SURRENDER**

Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 9:23-25; 1 John 3:16; John 15:13

### **BIBLE VERSE: MARK 8:34**

*“And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- Following Jesus means denying self.
- Following Jesus means accepting suffering.
- Following Jesus means making Him our model.

## **BIBLE PASSAGE: MARK 8:27-38**

### **UNITE - I AM CALLED**

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

### **SERIES AIMS**



#### **Every student should know that...**

- God is the One True King.
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- There is a cost to following Jesus.



#### **Every student should feel...**

- Confident in the steadfastness of the Lord.
- Grateful for the cloud of witnesses that we have as a model for how to faithfully follow Christ.
- Grounded in Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



#### **Every student should strive to...**

- Examine their own heart and repent of how they have followed false saviors.
- Pray regularly asking the Lord to grow their faith in Him.
- Endure through discouragement and difficult circumstances.



#### **Every student should want...**

- To devote themselves to pursuing holiness.
- To suffer well for the glory of God.
- To use their lives to point others to a better Savior, King, and Treasure.

## **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what a fully surrendered life looks like. We will pray for them to surrender each day the will of God and will lead them to practice looking to Jesus as their example.

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**Read and meditate on Mark 8:27-38 this week.**

As you ponder these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How can you discuss with your son or daughter what real surrender looks like?
- How can you help your son or daughter recognize areas of their lives they have not surrendered?
  
- How can you model a life fully surrendered to Jesus for your son or daughter?
- How can you discuss with them what it looks like to deny yourself daily?



**Pray for your son or daughter this week.**

- As you pray for them ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to keep their eyes on Jesus as their model of surrendered living.
- Pray with your student this week. Model asking the Holy Spirit to help you take up your cross daily and deny yourself.



**Discuss with your son or daughter some of the things you struggle to surrender to Jesus.**

- Help your son or daughter discover some things in their lives they struggle to surrender.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can take up their cross daily and keep their eyes on Jesus by being in His Word and praying.