

JESUS FOLLOWERS EMBRACE SURRENDER

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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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it looks like to surrender our lives. We will pray for hearts that look to Jesus as our model and we will practice denying ourselves and taking up our crosses daily.

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

As you meditate on these verses ask yourself a few of these questions:

- What does full surrender to Jesus look like?
- Do you acknowledge Jesus as your Savior?
- How can you live in denial of yourself every day?

Ponder what a life of full surrender looks like.

- What are some ways that you do not deny yourself?
- How can you follow Jesus' example more closely this week?
- What are some thoughts and behaviors you need to change in order to be more like Jesus?



Pray for a heart that seeks to be like Jesus.

- Pray for a heart that surrenders daily to Jesus and being like Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of resistance in your heart and repent of those.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to turn your eyes to Jesus every day.



Discuss with your parents some things you find it difficult to give up or surrender.

- Jot down a few of these and keep them near you. Throughout the week, make a point to deny yourself these things in an effort to live a more surrendered life.
- Meet with your small group leader this week to discuss ways you can keep your eyes on Jesus through Bible study and prayer. Make a plan to study the life of Jesus in Scripture and jot down some things you learn about how He lived on earth. Commit to make a few of these a part of your daily life.