

Where Do You Go After You Know?

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Mark 8:27-37, John 6:60-68

A question one will ask: At what point do I share my heart, hopes, dreams, & feelings?

- I. **The importance of “Defining the Relationship”**
 - A. The deeper the relationship
 - B. The deeper the revelation
- II. **The question Jesus asked: “Who do people say that I am?”**
 - A. The answer
 1. Like one of the great men of God
 - B. He makes it personal: Who do you say that I am?
 - C. What have you determined?
Who am I to you?
- III. **The most common answers to that question**
 - A. Not sure
 - B. A good moral teacher
 - C. A philosopher
 - D. A prophet
 - E. An angel
 - F. A martyr for his beliefs
- IV. **Peter is the only one who speaks up**
 - A. He connects the “dots”
 1. Miracles
 2. Timing
 3. Prophecy
 4. Teaching
 - B. You are the Messiah, the Son of God
 - C. The centerpiece of history
 - D. As the relationship deepens
So does the revelation
- V. **Jesus outlines His mission**
 - A. Son of man must suffer
 - B. When sin occurs, a debt is created
 - C. Sin brings suffering
 - D. Jesus takes on the suffering
Pays the debt
 - E. Peter rebukes Jesus
 - F. Jesus tells Peter, “Get behind me satan.”
- VI. **Jesus declares the reality of discipleship**
 - A. Following Him, being someone who makes a difference, will be difficult

- B. The difference between being a believer and a disciple
- C. To be a disciple, there will be moments and seasons when we:
 1. Deny our wishes
 2. Deny our appetites
 3. Pause our dreams
 4. Make sacrifices
 5. Take up our cross
- D. The reality of marriage
(And the sacrifices made)
 1. At every wedding there is a funeral
 2. There is blessing
 3. There is cost to commitment

VII. The counsel of Jesus

- A. Let go of this life and you will find life
- B. Let go of the, "it's all about me"
 1. My stuff
 2. My decisions
 3. My will
 4. And you will find life
- C. If not, you will live with regret
- D. What does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his own soul?
- E. Story of Emperor Lucius Septimius Severus

VIII. The road we are called to travel

- A. Will not be easy
- B. Will lead to life
- C. Requires your commitment
- D. How we respond determines
 1. Blessing
 2. Reward
 3. Destination
 4. It's an easy message
It's a hard message

IX. The response of disciples

- A. Distressed
- B. Discouraged
- C. Defection
- D. Disappointing

X. Two groups emerged

- A. Those that would not follow
 1. Drawn by crowds
 2. Drawn by benefits
 3. Drawn by supernatural
 4. But when confronted with commitment, they defected

5. Those that like the works, but not the words

6. Grumbling, stumbling, tumbling

B. Those that would follow

XI. Why do people leave?

A. It's not always easy

B. Though there are blessings

There are challenges

C. Requires submitting your will to His

D. Sometimes His word is not easy to hear

E. It requires commitment

XII. The steps to defection

A. Spiritually lazy

B. Stop taking God's warning seriously

C. Drift away from God

D. Tolerant to sin

E. Tolerant to false doctrine

F. Ignore conviction of Holy Spirit

G. Quench Holy Spirit guidance

XIII. Peter's response to the question "Are you going too?"

A. To whom shall we go?

B. Only Jesus has words to eternal life

C. No one else has that offer

D. Must think beyond today

E. His love never ends

XIV. So where are you?

A. Who is Jesus to you?

B. What level of commitment are you willing to give?

C. Peter had to answer a tough question

D. What does it profit a man?

**Peter made a decision
"Only you have the words to eternal life"**