

Sermon Series—**The Gospel of Mark**

Discussion Questions

Mark 7 & 8

Week of: February 18th- February 24th

1. In John 21:25 John makes the statement that if all the things that Jesus did were written down, the whole world would not have enough room for all the books that would be written. With all the miracles that Jesus performed and hundreds of people that witnessed them, why did the Pharisees ask for a sign to prove who He was?
2. Read Chapter 8:1-13. Why does every generation seek a sign? Why does Jesus reject this request?
3. In Mark, the miracles of Jesus seem to be viewed like the parables. If this is the case, what is the lesson behind the healing of the mute in chapter 7:31-37 and the healing of the blind man in chapter 8:22-26?
4. How would we answer the question of 8:27 today, “who do people say that I am?” How and why do we avoid the question of 8:29, “who do you say that I am?” Did Peter fully understand the truth of his answer in verse 8:29?
5. Jim Elliot said, “he is no fool to give up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose.” What are some ways that we can give up what we can’t keep and what are some ways we can gain what we can’t lose?
6. Why do you think that Peter took Jesus aside and tried to tell Jesus that he was wrong about his suffering? How is Peter’s initial reaction similar to so many of our reactions to the idea of suffering in this life? What is the main idea of Jesus’ statements in 8:34-37?