

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Words, Works + Ways - Part 8

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Introduction

We can learn a lot by looking at how Jesus related to His disciples. Jesus trusted them not only to be his friends but to take the message of the Cross beyond His ministry time, making disciples of all nations. When we spend time looking at and applying the words, works and ways of Jesus, and are willing to invest in others with sincerity and with vulnerability, then we too can grow and develop our trust relationships.

Bible Passage

Mark 8:27-33

Discussion

1. Read Mark 8:29. Why was it important for Jesus to know what His disciples were saying about Him? Whose recognition is most important to you? Why?
2. Read Mark 8:1-32a. Jesus confides in His disciples, unpacking His future for the first time. Why did Jesus speak plainly of such an important and confronting truth? If you were one of the disciples, how might you react after hearing this news?
3. Peter, with all his good intentions, rebuked Jesus. How did Jesus handle this temptation to forego the crucifixion? How might you approach such a conflict or confrontation with people you love?
4. Jesus knew that Peter could handle being rebuked. What are the key factors for us to develop this level of trust with others? How can we grow to become trustworthy?
5. Who are the people in your life that would place full trust in you? "Trust is always the byproduct of vulnerability with people who are trustworthy." What does this quote mean to you? Discuss.

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6. The disciples chose to listen to Jesus. Who have you chosen to listen to? Is this person someone whom you can trust and who has your best interests at heart?

Respond

Jesus demonstrated that trust is a key principle in relationships with others. Where there is no trust, there is a limit to how deep the relationship can be. Who are you investing in that can trust you? Who in your life has your full trust? Is there an area you need to work on this week to further build trust in an existing close relationship?

Reading Plan:

Week 8 - Read and reread Mark 8.