

Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

25 February - 3 March 2018

VERSES of the week— Mark 8:34-35

“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, & follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake & for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.”

TABLE GRACE

Bless us through this meal
dear Lord.

Teach our hearts
to trust your Word.

Help us always live what’s true;
and take up our cross
to follow you.
Amen.

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find “best” in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (**P**raise God, **T**hank Jesus, **A**sk the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

“Christ says: give me all. I don’t want only so much of your time or money or work, I want you. No half-measures are good enough. Hand over the whole self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit. And I will give you a new self instead.” --- CS Lewis

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Come...Grow...Go...Show



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let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Mark 8:27-38 & Isaiah 53:2-12. What strikes you as you read these verses?
2. **Isaiah says “we have left God’s path to follow our own.” Jesus’ invites us to “give up (our) own way” to follow him. How are these 2 verses related? What is required for Jesus’ call to be answered by you?**
3. **From this point on in Mark’s gospel, Jesus tells his disciples he will die & rise again. (2 more times in fact) Why does Peter react so strongly to this word from Jesus? Why does Jesus react so strongly to Peter’s objection?**
4. What is the connection between verses 31-33 where Jesus predicts his own suffering & death, & verses 34-38 where Jesus calls his disciples to a life of self-denial & cross bearing? In what way has Jesus already done this? How will you?
5. **What are some things people try to “hang on to” or “gain” but lose their soul in the process? What are you tempted to “hang on to”? How can Jesus & your fellow disciples help you to lose that for Jesus’ sake?**
6. **Why is it important that we give an accurate portrayal of Christ’s character and works when we share the gospel? How would you answer a someone who asked, “Why does Jesus have to suffer, die, & rise again?”**

let's READ

Sunday	James 4:6-8	Thursday	Philippians 2:3-4
Monday	Jeremiah 9:23-24	Friday	Job 36:8-11
Tuesday	Proverbs 16:18-19	Saturday	Proverbs 29:23
Wednesday	Galatians 6:1-5		

let's PRAY

PRAISE GOD for his grace to all in Jesus Christ.

THANK JESUS for stepping down into our world to lift us up to his.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to shape your heart in humble likeness to Christ.

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:

(Name), † child of God,

may your highest ambition be

to be conformed to the image of Christ. Amen.

