

Sermon Outline: "A Second Touch Upon Our Understanding of Discipleship"

- I. Coming to see life and reality as Jesus wants us to see them requires his repeated second touches upon our understanding
 - a. So it is with our understanding of Discipleship – what it means for us to follow Jesus
- II. Today's scripture text: Mark 8:27-38 – takes place in Gentle country
 - a. At this juncture of Jesus' public ministry, people were unclear as to who Jesus was; some said... others said...
 - b. Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "But who do you say that I am?"
 - i. Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God"; Jesus said Peter was right
 - c. Then Jesus told them what was ahead for him as the Christ: verses 31-32
 - i. A suffering messiah had no place in the disciples' previous understanding...
 - ii. So Peter tries to take Jesus aside and set him straight;
Jesus let Peter know that he didn't have a clue about what it would mean to follow him
 - d. Then Jesus called the disciples and a whole crowd together and said, verses 34-36.
 - i. There, in those words, was Jesus' second touch upon his disciples' understanding, and ours.
- III. What Jesus meant by verses 34-36
 - a. Once we confess Christ as our Lord, to follow Him is to give our lives away in loving self-sacrifice
 - i. It's not to live for ourselves anymore; but to live for Christ and His purposes, first and foremost.
 - ii. As we give our lives away, we find Jesus' life surging through our souls.
When we live for ourselves, we lose out on Jesus' life surging through our souls
 - iii. Once we confess in faith that Jesus is our Lord, we also confess what we must become...
- IV. Life Application from verses 34-36
 - a. Each day we open ourselves up first to God's leadership, control, and management of our lives
 - i. We pray, "Show me, Lord, How I can give myself away today for your purposes."
 - ii. The Lord will show us how... examples
This is a different understanding of discipleship than looking at discipleship through our own cultures lens...

What do I hear God saying to me?

What is God calling me to d

