



desert breeze community church

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Jesusology II

Mark 9:30-50 "Cross Centered Life"

Each of our lives is centered on something. Being a Christian (a follower of Jesus Christ) is about living a cross centered life. The more you center your life on the cross of Jesus Christ the more joy, spiritual growth, passionate love for God and others will fill your life!

"The Cross is the blazing fire at which the flame of our love is kindled, but we have to get near enough for it's sparks to fall on us." – John Stott

CROSS CENTERED LIFE!

Mark 9:30-50

Why Live a Cross Centered Life?

(vv30-32)

- It is the greatest revelation of the justice, mercy and grace of God. (2 Cor. 5:21, 8:9; Rom. 5:6-11)
- It is the only thing that can utterly transform my heart. (Rom. 1:16; Gal. 2:20)
- It is the only identity that can withstand anything in life. (Rom. 8:31-32; Gal. 6:14)

What does a Cross Centered Life Look Like?

(vv33-50)

- I go from being self-centered to being God-centered. V33 It is a mindset of...
 - ✓ Service v35 "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."
 - ✓ Sacrifice v37 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me."

- ✓ Synergy vv38-41 "For the one who is not against us is for us."
- ✓ Sensitivity v42 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin."

- I go from being enslaved to sin to being set free from sin. Vv43-49
- I go from being a wedge driver (troublemaker) to a bridge builder (peacemaker). V50 (2 Cor. 5:17-21)

"Until you see the Cross as that which is done by you, you will never appreciate that it is done for you." – John Stott

November 15 "Marriage & Divorce"

November 22 "Menace of Money"

November 29 "True Greatness"

Mark 10:1-12

Mark 10:13-31

Mark 10:32-52

December 6 "The Final Temple"

December 13 "Who's the Boss?"

December 20 "Jesus & Politics"

December 24 Christmas Eve Services: 4 & 5:30 PM @ OHS

December 27 "The Afterlife"

Mark 11:1-25

Mark 11:27-12:12

Mark 12:13-17

Mark 12:18-29



Growing

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1) Each of our lives is centered on something. How can you tell what a person's life is centered on? What would those closest to you say your life is centered on?

Is it a good thing that has become a god thing? Explain.

2) Read Mark 9:30-32. How is the cross the greatest revelation of the justice, mercy and grace of God? How does the cross transform my heart (Rom. 1:16; Gal. 2:20)?

How can an identity based on the cross withstand anything in life (Rom. 8:31-32; Gal. 6:14)?

3) Read Mark 9:33-50. A cross centered life is God centered rather than self centered. What were the disciples discussing in the context of Jesus talking with them about His sacrifice on the cross (vv33-34)?

4) Look over the mindset characteristics of a God centered life. Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) are growth areas for you (vv33-34)?

5) What kind of attitude toward sin will a cross centered person have according to Jesus (vv43-48)? How does Jesus describe Hell (vv47-49)? Why do you think someone who is reconciled to God will be a minister of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17-21)? What truth stands out to you most in this study? Pray Gal. 6:14.