

## It's Not Just About Us: Mark 8:34-37

### Textual Tidbits:

- 1) Before our lesson opens, Jesus has met several challenges:
  - a. Fed a large group of people with seven loaves of bread and some fish
  - b. Debated with a group of Pharisees
  - c. Been rebuked by Peter for after he tells the Twelve that he'll suffer, be rejected, killed and will then rise in three days
  - d. Rebuked Peter for rebuking him
- 2) Today's lesson is given to the larger group of believers who follow Jesus rather than to just the Twelve

### Vocabulary:

- 1) Rebuke means.....
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Self-Denial means .....
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Sacrifice means....

### Questions:

- 1) Jesus sets up a standard for ministry that suggests that the minister isn't the focus of the ministry. Read verses 34-38. Based on your reading, who do you think the focus of Christ-like ministry is? Why do you believe this?

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- 2) Verses 34-35 suggest that Christian Service/Ministry involves sacrifice. The passage also suggests that whatever we sacrifice in order to engage in Christian Service/Ministry helps us participate in our own salvation journey. What are some things that a follower of Jesus might sacrifice in order to participate in his/her own salvation journey?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Is what we receive through becoming Jesus' Disciple worth whatever we lose in order to become Jesus' Disciple? Why or why not?