

**Die to Live**  
Mark 8:34-38

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Discipleship. (v. 34)**

There are three things he expects of those who follow Him:

- They must \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

Only in this case, the person we're rejecting is \_\_\_\_\_, the person we were before we came to know Christ.

- They must take up their \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus, by saying His followers are to take up their cross, is saying that He wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer for Him, even to the death.

- They must \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

In short, we seek to \_\_\_\_\_ Him, to become like Him.

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Non-Disciples. (vv. 35-38)**

The first excuse is, "But I want to be in \_\_\_\_\_ of my life." (v. 35)

Jesus says that you can try to save, or keep control of, your physical life, but it will \_\_\_\_\_ you your soul, or eternal life.

The second excuse is, "But I want to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world." (vv. 36-37)

There is \_\_\_\_\_ in this world, even if you could own it all, that would be worth your eternal soul.

And the third excuse is, "But I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and the gospel." (v. 38)

We want the \_\_\_\_\_ of men and the world system more than we want to be like Christ, and so we are ashamed.

## Calvary Connection Group

Discussion Questions for the week of Feb. 6, 2022

### Getting to Know Me

- What is one of your favorite songs from your teenage days? Why?
- Where is your “happy place?” Why?

### Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week’s sermon as something important to understand and apply?
  
- Jesus said we should be willing to die for Him. Our present world and culture is committed to the avoidance of death. We don’t even like to talk about it, and we certainly don’t want to have anything to do with it. Read the following verses on death as a Christian. What is the Bible’s message to us about dying for Jesus? (Matt. 10:28; John 11:25-26; Rom. 8:38-39; 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 51-57; 2 Cor. 5:6-8; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)
  
- Jesus said that we should give up our life to save it, that is, we should let God control our life rather than trying to control it ourselves. Jesus modeled this for us in Phil. 2:5-8. According to this passage, in what ways did Jesus give up control of His life to God rather than trying to keep control for himself?
  
- Paul told us in Rom. 1:18 that he is not ashamed of the gospel. But 1 Cor. 1:18-31 is the definitive passage in the New Testament about being ashamed of Christ and the gospel. Read this passage several times. What would Paul say to someone today who is tempted to be ashamed of the gospel and/or Jesus?

### Application

- Which of the requirements of discipleship routinely challenges you more: deny yourself, take up your cross, or follow Jesus? Why?
  
- Phil. 3:3-7 is Paul’s repudiation of all things that were formerly of value to him and of the person he used to be. What things did you formerly value, or put your trust in, that you now repudiate?