

BIBLE STUDY #3: WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?

HOOK:

1. Who is Jesus Christ? What do you know about Him?

BOOK: Read Mark 8:27-38.

LOOK:

2. In verses 27-30, Jesus asked the disciples two questions: "Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?" Why do you think Jesus asked the questions the way He did?

3. Why do you think Jesus warned the disciples to not tell anyone about Him in verse 30?

4. What was going to happen to Jesus according to verse 31?

5. Why would Peter respond in the way he did in verse 32?

6. Contrast Peter's two responses (v. 29 and v. 32). What do you think led Peter to say what he did each time? Was he missing something?

7. Why did Jesus respond to Peter in the way He did in verse 33?

8. There are a number of difficult statements/questions made by Jesus in verses 34-38. What does each one mean?

- "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let Him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (v. 34)

- “Whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s shall save it.” (v. 35)
- “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?” (v. 36)
- “What can a man give in exchange for his soul?” (v. 36)
- “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” (v. 38)

9. Why might He have said these things in the order He did?

10. How are the two sections (vv. 27-33 and vv. 34-38) tied together or how do they fit together?

TOOK:

11. Which of the statements in question 7 above are difficult for you to do and why?

12. Are you willing to follow Christ? If not, what is holding you back?