

**Sermon Discussion Questions: May 10, 2026**

***The Cross and the Disciple***

Sermon Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Passage: Mark 8:27-38

1. In the sermon, Simon described discipleship as “seeing, but not seeing all the way,” like the blind man in Bethsaida. Where do you currently feel like your vision of Jesus is still blurry, uncertain, or developing?
2. Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:29). What are some common ways people today misunderstand or reduce Jesus, and how can those misunderstandings shape the way we live?
3. The sermon contrasted our culture’s pursuit of “building a bigger and better version of ourselves” with Jesus’ call to “take up your cross.” What does taking up your cross practically look like in everyday life—at work, at home, or in relationships?
4. Simon said, “We want resurrection without crucifixion.” Why do you think we resist surrender, sacrifice, or dying to self? What is one area of your life where Jesus may be inviting you to trust him through loss or discomfort?
5. The sermon emphasized that our identity is not found by “looking deeper into ourselves,” but by belonging to Jesus. What are some identities or sources of worth that you are tempted to build your life around instead of Christ? How does the gospel free us from those pressures?