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Mark 8:22-38

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
The Good News of the True Christ

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The Good News . . .
You are no longer abandoned
to your suffering.

*Then he called the crowd to him
along with his disciples and said:
"If anyone would come after me,
he must deny himself and take
up his cross and follow me. For
whoever wants to save his life will
lose it, but whoever loses his life
for me and for the gospel will
save it."*

Mark 8:34-35

Look clearly for Christ;
See where he is in the world;
Enter in - in his name;
Be a witness to his grace.

If you have watched the Olympic Games this weekend have you noticed ways that athletes have chosen to suffer? What motivates these athletes?

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Where do you see evidence that we still long for a Messiah who is our glorious, conquering king? In what ways does this keep us from choosing to follow the Messiah into suffering?

Tell about a time when you experienced a second level of healing or coming to understand something more clearly or more deeply.

When has it been most meaningful for you to know that Jesus suffered? How did this give you hope?

When John talked about places where we are to take up your cross (marriage, family, workplace, with the lost and least of these) what came to mind for you? Where are you being called to choose to suffer a difficult situation? What do you need to let die in this circumstance? How can you be a witness to grace in this circumstance?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Pray about the things that came up in your discussion today.