



# KINGDOM

THE KING AND HIS

A STUDY IN MARK

## Week 8: The Suffering King

Following Jesus is not about safety and comfort—it's about surrender and costly obedience. We might admire Him from a distance, but true discipleship means denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and trusting Him completely, even when it costs us something.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Read **Mark 8:27-30** – Jesus asks, *"Who do people say that I am?"* and *"Who do you say that I am?"* How do you see people answering this question about Jesus today? How would you personally answer Jesus if He asked you this question right now?
2. Read **Mark 8:31-33** – Jesus tells His disciples that He must suffer and die, and Peter rebukes Him. Why do you think Peter reacted this way? Have you ever struggled with what God was doing in your life because it didn't fit your expectations?
3. Read **Mark 8:34-38** – Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. What does it mean to "deny yourself" in daily life? What are some things people might be holding onto instead of fully following Jesus? What does it look like to "take up your cross" in your current season of life?
4. The sermon mentioned **the cost of discipleship**—following Jesus means surrendering safety, security, and control. What is something in your life that you need to surrender to Jesus? How can we encourage each other in the group to live with that kind of faith?
5. Jesus said, *"For whoever is ashamed of me... the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him"* (Mark 8:38). Are there moments when you feel hesitant or afraid to be identified with Jesus? What would bold, unashamed faith look like in your life?
6. Spend time praying for each other. Ask God to help you: See Jesus clearly for who He is. Surrender anything that keeps you from following Him fully. Live courageously, trusting Him even when it costs something.