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**Lesson 14 – The Turning Point**

**Mark 8 : 22-33**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 8:22-26**

*Please pray before beginning your study. A possible verse to pray is Isaiah 42:9. Lord, please give me sight where I am blind and give me ears where I am deaf.*

3. How did the blind man get to Jesus, and what did the people ask Jesus to do?

4. ***Personal Question:*** Over and over again, we see people bringing others to Jesus and begging Him to touch them. Jesus is here and available now to all who will come. Who should you bring to Jesus today for spiritual and/or physical healing?

5. What did you learn about spiritual and physical deafness and blindness in Isaiah 35:3-6?

6. In your own words, describe the process Jesus used to heal the blind man.

7. ***Thought Question:*** Remember that “Nothing is impossible with God.” (Matt. 19:26) What lesson (or lessons) do you think Jesus may have been trying to teach the disciples—and us—by healing the blind man in stages?

8. We can’t always understand the Lord’s methods or timing. What does Proverbs 3:5-6 say we are to do?

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*Apply this day: Ask the Lord to open your eyes today to things you did not know yesterday! Trust in Him and His ways with all of your heart.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 8: 27-30**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson today.*

8. In verse 27, Jesus was teaching his disciples while doing what?

***Personal Question:*** Do you look for potential opportunities to point others to Christ during everyday activities?

9. What does Jesus ask His disciples? How do they respond?

10. Jesus then asked the disciples—and every person on earth—two monumental questions. What are they? (vs. 29)

11. ***Personal Question:*** So what about you? Who do you say Jesus Christ is?

12. What is Peter’s answer to Jesus’question?

 If your Bible has references, do you see the Greek and Hebrew words for Christ?

13. How does Matthew 16:16-17 record Peter replying to Jesus’ question? What was Jesus’ immediate response to Peter, and who gave Peter this revelation?

*Apply this day: Everyone will one day have to answer for themselves who Jesus is. How do you answer the question? If He is your Lord and Savior, then be His ambassador and actively share with others that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

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**Day 4 – Read Mark 8:31-33**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson today.*

14. What does Jesus teach immediately following Peter’s confession that He is the Christ?

15. ***Thought Question:*** a. What is Peter’s response to Jesus’ prediction of his death and resurrection?

b. Why do you think Peter responded this way, and did his response reflect his emotional perspective or God’s perspective?

16. Jesus not only rebukes Peter, but He turns so that all the disciples will hear His rebuke. What are Jesus’s strong words of discipline for Peter? Write out His words in verse 33.

17. Jesus’ harsh rebuke of Peter was not only for Peter’s own good, but also for the good of the disciples as well as for each of us. What does Hebrews 12:11 and Proverbs 3:11-12 tell us about discipline?

18. What did Jesus warn Peter that his mind was preoccupied with in verse 33?

19. Peter’s attempt to dissuade Jesus from going to the cross revealed that his mind was not focused on the things of God. Jesus faced the same temptation from Satan at the onset of Jesus’ ministry. What similar words did Jesus use in Matthew 4:10 to defeat Satan?

*Apply this day: Take time every day to listen to God’s Word so that you can distinguish between the things of God and the things of men. Ask God to help you consistently recognize the difference and to follow His Word and ways.*

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**Day 5 – Reread Mark 8:22-33**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson today.*

20. ***Thought Question:*** In verse 30, immediately after Peter answered, “You are the Christ,” Jesus strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

a. Do you think they fully understood who He was at this point?

b. How can the healing of the blind man, in stages, help you to see the point Jesus was making with His disciples?

21. In Jesus’ complete humanity, did He want to suffer? Read Mark 14:36

Yet in Jesus’ righteousness, who did He fully worship instead of surrendering to His own fleshly desires? See again Mark 14:36 with Matthew 4:10.

22. ***Personal Question:*** In what ways could you be tempting others to reject or be discontent with God’s will for their life because it might involve suffering or sacrifice?

23. As we’ve seen, Jesus harshly rebuked Peter in verse 33 for setting his mind on the things of men rather than the things of God. Using the following verses, how does God’s Word encourage and teach us to apply our minds to the things of God?

a. Matthew 22:37-38 –

b. Colossians 3:1-2 –

24. We each have the choice daily whether we’ll set our minds on the things of God or of men. And then, like Jesus, we each have the choice as to whether we’ll obey what He tells us. What do the following verses teach us about obeying God’s word?

a. John 15:14 –

b. Luke 11:28 –

c. Joshua 24:14-15 –

*Apply this day: It requires a daily, determined choice to set our minds and hearts on the things of God rather than the things of men. Take time each morning to set Jesus apart as your Lord. Matthew 6:33, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.”*

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**Day 6 – Reread Mark 8:27-29(SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson*

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**Scripture** – *Write the verses.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses*. *Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply this verse to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*