

02-25-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“We are called to set our mind on divine things, not human things. This is Jesus’ call to Peter, and to us... To follow Christ today, we may not face the same physical threats as the early Christians, but we still must pursue the things of God's Kingdom, which are often contrary to the things of the world.”

- Sandra Stogsdill Brown



Mark 8:31-38

Questions for Reflection —

- Who do you say Jesus is? What does it mean to be a faithful disciple of Jesus? For you how is the cross a symbol of the call to discipleship? What does it mean for you to take up your cross? In what ways have you had to practice self-denial in order to follow the way of Christ? What does it look like for you to live for others rather than just for yourself?

- What does it mean for you to set your mind on divine things and not on human things? How can you open yourself more fully to Jesus, allowing Christ to direct your choices, shape your attitudes, and guide your actions? What will help you center your thoughts on the values of God’s kingdom? How can you make your life a manifestation of God’s love, compassion, justice, and peace in the world?

- How does your identity as a follower of Jesus impact not just your religious practices but also your political, social, and economic choices and actions? What worldly values stand in opposition? In what situations or with what people are you hesitant to share the influence of your Christian faith? What do you need in order to share your faith more openly in the secular world? What will give you the courage and strength to faithfully follow Jesus’ call to holy living in all spheres of life?

Daily Household Prayer

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, joyfully serve you and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ. Amen.