

SERIES: MARK – THE BEST NEWS EVER!

Message: True Christian Discipleship

Mark 9:30-50 CSB

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“Listen to (Hear) Him!” Mark 9:7

TRUE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IS ...

1. Being **WILLING** to **SUFFER** for the Sake of Jesus: WWJD?

Mark 9:30-32 ³⁰ Then they left that place and **made their way** through Galilee, but he did not want anyone to know it. ³¹ For he was **teaching his disciples** and telling them, “The Son of Man is going to **be betrayed** into the hands of **men**. They will kill him, and after he is killed, he will rise three days later.” ³² **But they did not understand** this statement, and they were **afraid to ask** him.

2. Leading the Way with **HUMILITY** and **SERVICE!**

Mark 9:33-37 ³³ They came to **Capernaum**. When he was in **the house**, he asked them, “What were you arguing about **on the way?**” ³⁴ But they were silent, because on the way they had been **arguing with one another about who was the greatest**. ³⁵ **Sitting down**, he called the Twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be **last and servant of all**.” ³⁶ He took a child, had him stand among them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever **welcomes** one little child such as this in my name **welcomes me**. And whoever **welcomes** me does not **welcome** me, but him who sent me.” Hospitality

3. Ministering **ON BEHALF OF** Jesus – that is **REWARDED!**

Mark 9:38-41 ³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons **in your name**, and we tried to stop him because he wasn’t following us.”

³⁹ “Don’t stop him,” said Jesus, “because there is no one who will perform a miracle **in my name** who can soon afterward speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ And whoever gives you a cup of water to drink **in my name**, because you belong to Christ —truly I tell you, he will never lose his **reward**.”

Colossians 3:17 whatever you do, ... do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

4. **FORSAKING** All **SIN** to Enter the **KINGDOM!**

Mark 9:42-50 ⁴² “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to **fall away** —it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ “And if your hand causes you **to fall away**, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands **and go to hell, the unquenchable fire**. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to **fall away**, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be **thrown into hell**. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to **fall away**, gouge it out. It is better for you **to enter the kingdom of God** with one eye than to have two eyes and be **thrown into hell**, ⁴⁸ where **their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched**. ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt should lose its flavor, how can you season it? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

POINT: Your endurance of trials as a witness for Jesus will purify, preserve and mature you and bless your community.

ACTION STEPS: