**Family Handout**

Review:

Last week we talked about Jesus’ teaching on what defiles a person?

What does defile mean? (spoil, unclean, stain, degrade, dishonor)

We sin when we have three things:

1. The desire to sin
2. The access to sin
3. The time to sin

Which one of the three sin-killing tactics did you apply this past week?

Content Covered: Mark 8:27-9:1. This week we will see Peter proclaim Jesus to be the Christ and Jesus teach us about choosing God over the world.

Context: It is important to have a good understanding of the term “Christ.” This word is synonymous with “Messiah” or “the Anointed One.” It is a reference to the Old Testament in which God promised the Jews a man to come and deliver them out of bondage. The issue comes in the fact that they thought it was physical bondage as they were ruled by the Romans. But God had much greater plans as He sent Jesus onto the earth as the Christ who would save the world from spiritual bondage or death!

Main Point: The point of this passage is to show that Jesus is the “Christ” and for Jesus to teach us that in order to follow Him we must make sacrifices. God must be the most important thing in our lives and we must make a conscience effort to turn away from the temptations of the world. The things of this world only last for a moment and only bring keep us wanting for more but the things of God give us satisfaction and last for eternity.

Series Memory Verse: Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Teaching Outline: Mark 8:27-9:1**

**Pivot Point in Mark:** Up until now Mark has emphasized the public ministry of Jesus establishing His authority by His teaching, miracles, and claim as the Son of God. Starting in Mark 8:27 Mark is going to emphasize the private ministry of Jesus teaching to His disciples and future suffering, death, and resurrection as the Messiah.

1. **Jesus Identity (8:27-30)**
   1. **Who do people say that I am?** 
      1. John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets
   2. **BUT who do YOU say that I am?** 
      1. You are the **CHRIST**
         1. Hebrew word – Messiah or Anointed One
2. **Jesus’ Messiah (8:31-33)**
   1. 5 Truths of His Messianic Mission
      1. He is the Son of Man – Jesus is the one true Son of God
      2. He will Suffer Many Things – Betrayed, Falsely Accused, Arrested, Beaten, …
      3. He will be Rejected - by Elders, Chief Priests, and Scribes
      4. He will be Killed – Crucified, Murdered
      5. He will Rise Again – Beat Death and Sin
   2. Set Your Mind on Things of God, Not on Man.
3. **Jesus’ Disciples (8:34-9:1)**
   1. 4 Requirements to Be a Disciple of the Messiah
      1. You Must Desire Him
      2. You Must Deny Yourself – Live for Him as Lord of Your Life
      3. You Must Take Up Your Cross – Persecution, Abuse, Even Death to Come
      4. You Must Follow Him - Follow the Model of Jesus and Fulfill the Mission
   2. 4 Reasons to Become a Disciple
      1. Jesus Saves Your Soul
      2. The World Is Worthless – A Bad Trade
      3. Your Soul is Most Valuable Thing You Have - Give it To Him
      4. You are Accepted as His Child – Not Rejected
         1. **We must not exchange the Creator for the created**

**Application:**

**Who do you say that Jesus is?**

* Does your life look like it?
* What in your life are you tempted to turn to instead of God?
* What takes up most of your time, money, and thoughts?
* Are you making sacrifices in your life for the sake of following Jesus? What are they?
* What is **ONE** specific way you can use Mark 8:27-9:1 this week to **GROW** in **CHRIST**?