

## **“FOLLOW ME”**

Mark 1:16-20; 8:31-38; John 21:15-19

Key Verse: Mark 8:34

**“Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’”**

1. Read Mark 1:16-20. After proclaiming the good news of God, what was the first thing Jesus did (16,19)? What did the words “Come, follow me” mean to the first disciples (17,20a)? What promise was given to them? How did they respond (18,20b)?
2. Read Mark 8:31-38. After Peter’s confession of Christ, what did Jesus begin to explain about the works of the Messiah (31)? Why was Peter so upset about this (32)? How did Jesus deal with this issue (33)? What is the real enemy of the gospel?
3. What are the requirements of becoming Jesus’ disciples (34)? What hinders people from following Jesus? What do Jesus’ words “follow me” mean here? How can we overcome such hindrances (35-38)?
4. Read John 21:15-19. After he was risen from the dead, what mission did Jesus give Peter (15-17)? How did Jesus describe Peter’s life of mission (18-19)? Why is it so important to follow Jesus to the end of one’s life?