

‘Which Jesus do you follow?’
(8:27-33)

With opened eyes …

… we follow the King …

… who came to suffer …

DISCUSS

- How does Mark’s inclusion of the blind man help us understand what is going on?
- Why is Jesus’ response to Peter so extreme? (v33)
- How might what we’ve seen this evening impact our prayers for this weekend? our lives at work?

‘When are you going to lose your life?’
(8:34-9:29)

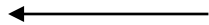
Willingly deny self now ... (8:34-38)

NOW: while
we wait

WHEN will you deny self?

THEN: when
Jesus returns

gain,
glory



live for self



lose,
shame

lose,
shame



live for Jesus
& the gospel



gain,
glory

DISCUSS

- How does Jesus' teaching in v34-38 make you feel?
- How might it impact the way we view our work?
- Why do we find this so difficult?

… certain of future glory (9:1-13)

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… confident in Jesus' power (9:14-29)

MEDITATE

- How have you been encouraged to deny self and live for Jesus?
- How might this impact our prayers on our way to work each day?
- How might this passage encourage us in our evangelism if we're feeling:
 - i) apathetic?
 - ii) intimidated?

‘Why do we find it so hard to deny self and live for Jesus?’
(9:30-10:31)

The first will be last, and the last first

Denying self is imperative yet impossible

- Self-seeking Prosperity

DISCUSS

- Why do we find it so difficult to give money away?

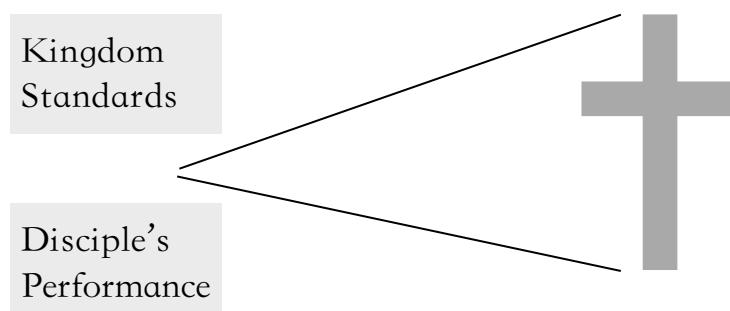
- Self-seeking Pride

- Self-seeking Prosperity

‘With man it is impossible, but not with God’

DISCUSS

- How does this passage help us understand Jesus’ mission?
Use this picture to summarise the big point



- Why might being humbled by this passage help us think clearly about living for Jesus in the workplace?

'What is true greatness?'
(10:32-52)

First recognise our need for Jesus to serve us ...

DISCUSS

- How could we use what we've seen this weekend in Mark 8-10 to explain our need for Jesus to serve us?

... by giving his life as a ransom to set us free ...

... and only then can we follow him in self denial

True GREATNESS can be seen in denying self through ...

- partnering with other followers (9:38-40)
- serving 'the little ones' (9:40-42)
- denying self-seeking pleasure (9:42-50)
- remaining faithful and not divorcing (10:1-12)
- giving money away (10:21)
- leaving home (10:29)
- facing opposition from family (10:29)
- being persecuted (10:29)

... for JESUS' sake and the GOSPEL

DISCUSS

- How does Bartimaeus' example encourage us to follow Jesus?
- If we fail to keep Jesus' death central in our thinking, how will this impact: i) our own discipleship?
ii) our evangelism?
- What might it look like for you to be truly GREAT at work?