

SERMON NOTES

Date: November 6, 2016

Title: The Ultimate Challenge

Text: Mark 8:27-38

Big Idea: Jesus doesn't want to make your life miserable, but he does want to challenge your view of things that keep you from experiencing the abundant life he desires to give.

1. The Gospel challenges our quest for comfort.

2. The Gospel challenges our search for safety.

3. The Gospel challenges our desire for control.

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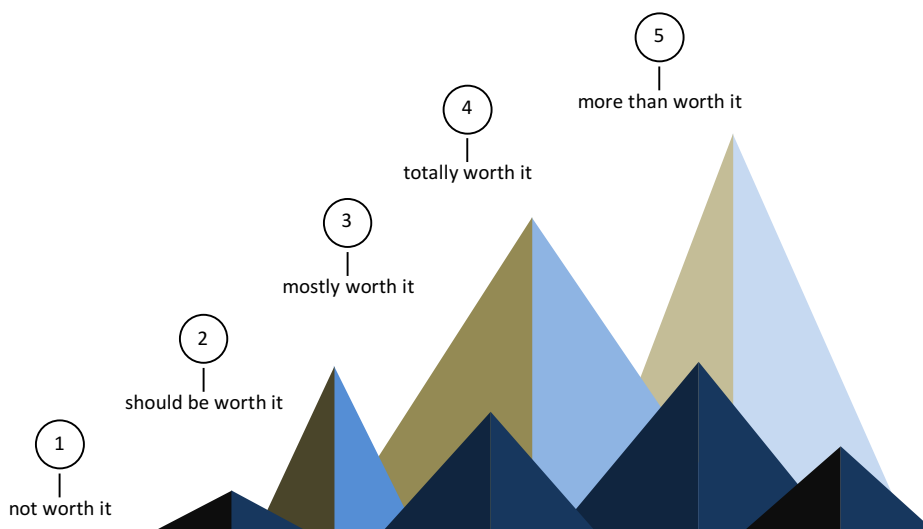
For the Week of November 6, 2016
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

1. Read Mark 8:27-38. How is Peter's view of Christ's identity and mission deficient? _____

What are the risks associated with Christian discipleship? _____

What does Jesus say to those who are not willing to take risks in order to receive the rewards of following him? _____

2. Do you consider the rewards of following Jesus worth the risks? Assess your level of commitment to the risks/rewards of discipleship.



What does it say about your view of Jesus if the risks of following him are not worth the rewards? _____

3. How does the gospel confront the following areas in your life?

- quest for comfort _____
- search for safety _____
- desire for control _____

Which one of these three do you struggle with most and why? _____

4. Pastor Dave said that the key to indulging yourself less is to enjoy Jesus more. What is one thing you are going to do this week to discover and cultivate a greater enjoyment in him? _____