**Get in the Game - 9/9 Discussion Questions**

Mark 8:27-38

***Review***

**4 Questions for the would-be Follower of Jesus:**

**1. His Identity - Who is Jesus?** (v. 27-29a)

* The Christ = The King who Reigns (v. 29b)

**2.** **His Mission - Why did He Come?** (v. 32-33)

* The Christ = The Suffering Servant who Died (v. 31; Is. 53:5)

**3.** **His Call - What is your Response?**

* **Repent** - Bring your Life to Jesus so it can Die with Him (v. 34; Gal. 2:20)

“Your best life” isn’t ***YOUR LIFE*** at all.

* **Believe** - Trust Jesus to give you a New Life (v. 35; Rom. 6:5)
* **Follow** - Commit yourself Completely to Jesus and His Mission (v. 35)

Are you just a Fan of Jesus – an Enthusiastic Admirer?

**4. His Promise - Where is your Hope?**

* If you Refuse to follow Jesus, He will ***Abandon*** you forever (v. 38a)
* If you Choose to follow Jesus, He will ***Embrace*** you forever (v. 38b; Rom. 8:30)

***Connect***

1. What team do you cheer for? Are you a big fan? Why?
2. In America today do you think a lot of “Christians” are just fans of Jesus (enthusiastic admirers) and not actually followers? Why do you think so?
   * Consider watching Kyle Idleman’s *Not a Fan* story here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVXs0vkQNvc

***Read Mark 8:27-38***

***Discuss***

1. What did Peter get right (v. 29)? What did Peter miss or get wrong (v. 31-33)?
2. How does Jesus describe a true follower of His (v. 34-35)? What does this mean for those who are really just fans?
3. Have 1-2 people share how they first responded to Jesus’ call by repenting, believing and committing to Him.

***Apply***

1. How do verses 34-38 challenge you today (and every day)?
2. How does the promise of future glory encourage you (for example, see Rom. 8:18)?

***Pray***

1. How can we pray for you this week?