

Cost and Reward
Mark 8:34-38
Village Church
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We live in an upside down kingdom - We serve the only king t o ever exist that would abdicate the throne - not for his good, but for the good of his kingdom- and not the good of fellow royalty - rather the good of the lowliest servants - the dirtiest of street vendors, and the poorest of beggars.

We serve a king - we belong to a kingdom where the king would not only abdicate the throne for his good, but he would also give his whole fortune up - his riches, his valor, his title, and his prestige , live like the stated above - die for the stated above - but also call the stated above to live in the same manner.

No king has ever abdicated their throne for the sake of another. And invite the lowly to sit at the very throne he left.

In a way, I believe that's where this morning passage meets us- square in the face with an invitation to an upside down kingdom

So if you have a copy of God's word, as we continue in this series simply called Jesus - I invite you to open with me to Mark chapter 8 - we are going to take a look at verses 34-38 today, but I want to put some focus on the preceding verses as well.

Jesus is speaking on what true discipleship looks like - and he build a great crescendo to what discipleship looks like - it actually starts with how he lived, see what:s so unique about our King, is that he has never called us to something that he first did not go through. He is the picture of what it looks like to practice what you preach, to practice what you teach. And see he never calls us to discipleship