

The Pass-the-Plate Devos



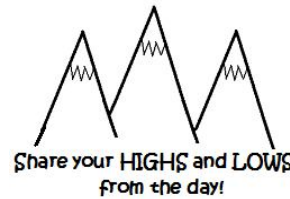
"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of Sept 13th"



Mark 8:27-38

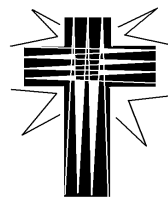
²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"
²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." ³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.
³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



As a family, make a list of as many names or titles for Jesus that you can think of!

1. What question did Jesus ask his disciples on the way?
2. How did Jesus' disciples' answer his question?
3. Jesus asks another question – this time, a personal one. What question did Jesus ask Peter?
4. How did Peter answer Jesus' question?
5. What did Jesus teach about the Son of Man?
6. What did Peter do when he heard Jesus speak of these things?
7. How did Jesus respond to Peter?
8. What did Jesus say to the crowd about crosses and life?
9. What do you think Jesus means by saying someone must lose his or her life in order to save it?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

What does it mean for someone to take up his or her cross? Why is it important to take up your cross when you follow Jesus?

How can your family take up your crosses together this week? How will you all follow Jesus?