

Series: Life Matters
(Living with Purpose)
Part 1 **Be Reflective!** Mark 8:34-38

1. Why should you listen carefully to this series?

2. How does God speak to this need?

Overview: Mark 8:34-38

Take-aways:

- **True life is found in investing your life for Jesus!**
“for His sake and the gospel” (vs. 35)
- **Preoccupation with the world (self) is a wasted life!** (34, 36)
“If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.” (vs. 34)

“For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what could a person give in exchange for his soul?” (vs. 36-37)

3. Now how do I respond to this truth from God’s Word?

- * **Continually address wrong definitions of success.**
(1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7)

What are some of those errant definitions of success?

- ***Continually address unhealthy affections? Indicators?**

What are some of these unhealthy competing affections?

Definition: **“True success is loving Jesus and as an outflow living out His call upon your life.”**

“Avoid deception with true perception”

4. What might God do if was all said, “Amen Lord, so be it.”?

Application Questions:

1. What do you think is the main idea from the message?
2. How does it make you feel? Yes, no typo ...feel. Why?
3. What are other verses that underscore or support this message?
4. Why do you think it is often so difficult for Christians to live this out?
5. How does God's unconditional love and grace intersect here?
6. How does the message connect, collide or encourage you? Why?
7. How might this impact you Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.? Why?
8. What is the one action step God would have you take today?
9. Where will you need to lean into God's grace to respond?
- 10 With whom could you share this personal point of application?