

# Discussion Guide

# MIRACLES



## Prayer

- This week, focus on prayers of thankfulness. What has God done recently that makes you feel grateful?

## Introduction

- After a God-given understanding of Jesus' identity, the disciples are twisted by a Satan-influenced misunderstanding of Jesus' mission. Today, we will reflect on the cost, reward, and call of discipleship.
- Imagine a child at River Oak asked you what it means to be a disciple. *How would you respond?*

## Read Mark 8:31-33

- *What do Peter's actions in this scene reveal about the natural response to the message of the cross?*
- *What does this section teach us about Satan?*
- *Practically, how can we help each other set our minds on the things of God this week?*
- *When is it appropriate to rebuke one another?*

## Read Mark 8:34-9:1

- *How is the instruction to deny yourself distinct from popular teaching today?*
- *Imagine that a neighbor asked you, "What makes following Jesus worth the inconvenience?" What would you say?*
- *Have you ever sought to "gain the world"? What was the cost of that pursuit?*
- *Who comes to mind as an example of someone who surrendered their life for the sake of the gospel?*
- *What does this section teach you about the worth of the soul?*
- *Have you ever battled feeling ashamed about Jesus or his teaching? What helps you feel honored to belong to Christ?*

## "One Another" ing...

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' "one another" statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)* – this week, ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom on when and how to correct one another in love.