Growth Group questions

**Reflect**

1. Why do you think Jesus takes an opinion poll from His disciples?

2. Peter’s answer seems spot on—but what in Jesus’ answer in v21&22, would suggest Peter doesn’t get what “Christ of God” really means? See Mark 8:31-33

3. Read verse 23 again. How is it connected to Jesus’ statement in v22?

4. Notice the word “for” at the beginning of vv. 24,25&26. How are all these verses connected in thought?

5. If a five-year-old child were to ask you, Why does Jesus ask us to give up our lives for Him in order to find our lives? How would you answer the child?

6. What are the “words” Jesus talks about in verse 26?

7. At first glance, verse 27 is confusing. How can we make sense of Jesus’ words by looking at the context?

**Respond**

What do you think Jesus means in v.24 by losing our lives for His sake?

How can we prepare our hearts to be willing to carry the cross of Jesus Christ and suffer as He suffered?

Think about v.25. how does it speak to what our priorities should be?