

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from November 9, 2014 Living the Life of Death Mark 8:34**

#### **Observing the text**

Carefully read Mark 8:34–38. Think about the relationship between His command in verse 34 and the rest of the section (8:35–38).

Read Mark 8:1–33, especially from 8:27–33. Consider what took place before Jesus taught this important lesson.

Read the parallel accounts found in Matthew 16:13–28 and Luke 9:18–26. Find what additional details the other Gospel writers added to this account.

Consider carefully who Jesus addressed in this lesson. What was the Lord demanding from them?

#### **Applying the sermon**

Have you completely denied yourself? Are there areas in your life that you are still holding on to? Carefully examine your heart to see if there is anything hindering Christ from being the chief object of love.

Is your life characterized by daily mortification of your old self? Consider what specific areas of sinfulness you must deal with in your life as you strive to follow Christ.

Focus and meditate on the blessings of following Christ. Praise God for all the great benefits that He grants us through allowing us to follow Christ.

How can you share your joy of following Christ to others around you?