

What are some practical ways you can deny yourself in your home, work, church and community to be more like Jesus?

## PRACTICAL | application to my life

1. Why have you chosen to follow Jesus? How is your life different because you've followed Him?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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# COMING SOON

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### EASTER Outreach | Apr. 12 @ 10 a.m.

We need 250 people to help us INVITE our community to celebrate EASTER at Crossroads by handing out door hangers in the neighborhoods surrounding our campus. Can you help us with your neighborhood? Sign up today at any *Welcome Center*. FREE barbecue lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 for all who help us.



### Women's Sunrise Retreat @ Crossroads | Saturday, May 3

Prayer walk (optional - 6:30 a.m.) and full breakfast (8 a.m.) Dr. Lois Evans, wife of Tony Evans, will share a message. Tickets are \$20 until Apr. 13; after Apr. 13, \$35. Ticket available at any *Welcome Center*. Everyone who signs up gets a free gift! To host, email [phyllis.montoya@crossroadschristian.org](mailto:phyllis.montoya@crossroadschristian.org).

# SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark

Matt Cameron

Message: "The Beginning of the End"

Crossroads Christian Church

Text: Mark 8:22-30

Apr. 6, 2014

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## "THE BEGINNING OF THE END"

1. AN \_\_\_\_\_ . Mark 8:31-33

John 3:7; John 3:14

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of it (vs. 31)
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of it (vs. 31b)
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of it (vs. 31)

2. AN \_\_\_\_\_ . Mark 8:32b-33

Matthew 16:22; John 16:33

3. AN \_\_\_\_\_ . Mark 8:34-38

There's a \_\_\_\_\_ to following Him.

There's a \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for genuine discipleship.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 34c)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 34d)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 34e)

1 John 2:6; Matthew 10:32

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*For the week of Apr. 6, 2014.*

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, "The Beginning of the End," was there a particular verse, statement or question that caught your attention, encouraged or challenged you?

## HISTORICAL | getting to know me

1. Jesus taught, "the Son of Man MUST suffer many things" (Mark 8:31). It was a necessity. What are some things in your life you would say MUST happen? Why are they necessary?
2. Let's talk about leaders. What makes someone a credible leader? What attributes make you want to follow someone? What behaviors give you a clue that someone is a quality leader? Is it easy or difficult for you to follow someone else's lead? Why?

## BIBLICAL | digging deeper into the Bible

1. What makes Jesus an attractive Leader people would naturally want to follow? What parts of His leadership don't people like? Why do some people choose to not follow Jesus?

2. Jesus asked much of those He led. He didn't make being a disciple easy. We heard Sunday "there's a cost to follow Him. There's a price to pay for genuine discipleship." Look at the following requirements of being a disciple. What demands does Jesus make of anyone who would follow after Him?

- **MATTHEW 16:24**
- **LUKE 14:26-27**
- **LUKE 14:33**
- **JOHN 8:31**
- **JOHN 15:8**

Why don't people talk about the cost of discipleship? What happens when we leave out the price of following Jesus in our conversations with seekers and new believers?

3. We learned Sunday to follow Jesus involves self-denial, suffering and submission. Read John 13:15 (see John 13:1-20 for context). How does that verse capture the greatness of Jesus' leadership? How is that statement different from so many leaders today?

Read Philippians 2:5-11. How do you see Jesus model self-denial, suffering and submission in this passage?