



Week 1

Text: Mark 8:27-34

Topic: Church, Commitment, Sacrifice, Community

Big Idea of the Message: The Christian life—especially when it comes to being part of a church community—is full of discomfort and awkwardness, but God uses these challenges to help us know him better.

Application Point: Rather than attempting to find our dream church, we must embrace the uncomfortable and difficult parts of the Christian life in order to grow and experience gospel community.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What would your "dream church" look like?
3. Why is searching for a "dream church" a fool's errand?
4. How can we embrace awkwardness in our local church?
5. What keeps you from committing to the local church?
6. Are there signs of comfortable Christianity in your life?