



## **Week 2**

**Text:** Mark 8:31-35

**Topic:** Cross, Crucifixion, Sacrifice

**Big Idea of the Message:** We should expect uncomfortableness because the crucifixion and what Jesus did on the cross is at the very center of our faith.

**Application Point:** We should look to Jesus as an example for how to deny ourselves and take up our crosses, for it is in his work that we find true comfort.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Mark 8 reminds us that the Christian faith is a faith that calls us to the foot of the cross. Why is this a difficult principle to accept?
3. What does it mean to "take up" our cross?
4. Which of the five things mentioned Sunday are you still trying to carry? What do you need to do to "put it down"?
5. How does what Jesus did for us change the way we view the local church?