

Read 8:34–38. **Based on this passage, what’s the real mission of the Christ?**

Look for the attitude that Francis pointed out in Peter. Look for how Jesus counters that attitude, and what he offers in its place.

Thinking back to Francis’s teaching and looking at what you’ve read, what do you think bothered Peter about Jesus’s statement?

What challenge does Jesus lay down before his followers and the disciples? How does Jesus’s challenge differ from Peter’s implied expectations?

The Jews had been waiting for centuries for God’s chosen one to come and set them free from political oppression. But throughout the story so far, Jesus has offered the disciples the chance to see him and his mission for what it really is—the overthrow not of Rome but of the kingdom of darkness. Jesus kept pointing them to his true purpose.

Re-read 8:34–36. Francis said that the road to glory will include suffering. **What kind of discipleship is he calling us to? What might that look like practically?**

Now read Mark 9:1–13. He begins with a promise to the disciples that some would see the kingdom of God come in power. **Put yourself back in the shoes of the**

“servant” bring to mind? What emotions do you feel thinking about being someone’s servant?

What does it look like in your life to serve Jesus?
