



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 5: Messianic Secret

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Icebreaker – Share a fun “secret” (a little known fact, your proudest moment, etc) about yourself that you have never shared before with anyone in your small group.

- 1) In our Celebrate Recovery ministry, we often say – *we are only as sick as our secrets*. There is so much wisdom there. But sometimes secrets are good and necessary. Take a moment to identify when a secret might be appropriate. Then read and discuss Deuteronomy 29:29. What strikes you about this passage?
- 2) During this past Sunday’s message, each of the components below was discussed as it relates to the “Messianic Secret.” Take some time to read each passage and fill in the blanks accordingly. As you do so, what are some thoughts you have about the narrative as we approach Mark 8 when Jesus eventually does reveal how he must die and be resurrected.

Mark	What Jesus Does	What Jesus Says
1:21-28		“Be silent!” (v25)
	Heals many & casts out many demons	“He would not permit the demons to speak ...” (v34)
1:40-45	Heals a leper	
3:11-12		“He strictly ordered them not to make him known.” (v12)
5:35-43	Resurrects a 12-year-old girl	
7:32-36		

- 3) Read and discuss Mark 8:31-38. How is this an important piece of “following Jesus?” What would following Jesus look like if it was only about the first 7 chapters of Mark?
- 4) The entire scene found in John 6:22-71 and particularly the words and teaching from Jesus are so hard ... even outlandish and scandalous. Two questions: *Why does this scene not bother us much today? When was the last time you were outraged by the words and teachings of Jesus?*
- 5) Where do you see “following Christ” mistaken for a journey towards a false Health & Wealth Gospel today? How does adding The Cross to your theology and practice change everything? What does Galatians 2:20 mean to you?