

# THINGS I WISH JESUS NEVER SAID

## PART FOUR: CUT OFF YOUR HAND

What would you be willing to give to save your life? In Mark 9, Jesus says that giving up a hand, a foot, or even an eye would be totally worth it if it meant saving your life. It's a difficult trade, giving up something now for something greater later. But Jesus says it's worth the cost!

**BIG IDEA:** What we do today impacts where we end up tomorrow.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the hardest thing you have ever tried to give up or quit? What makes giving up or quitting things so difficult?
2. Is there a limit to how much functionality you would be willing to lose today, for the opportunity to live it tomorrow?
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Mark 9:43-48.*

*If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.”*

Mark 9:43-48 (NIV)

4. What things are you holding onto, walking towards and looking at that are causing you to stumble and you may need to cut off?
5. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read John 3:16.*

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

John 3:16 (NIV)

6. In what way did God sending his Son, Jesus model his call to cut off the things in our life that we are exchanging for eternity.
7. Jesus gave up his son so that we would have eternity, what radical measure would you need to take to cut yourself to ensure you do not miss out on the life God has for you.

### MOVING FORWARD

For the sake of your eternity, what do you need to give up or cut out of your life this week so that you can experience all that God has for you in this life and the next?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

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