



You're Not Far
WEEK 5: Kingdom Great
(Mark 8:31-35; 9:30-35; 10:32-38, 41-52 NIV)

Do you ever feel far from God? It's not uncommon. As it turns out, God is closer than you think. Join us as we study the true story of Simon Peter to explore how you are never far from God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] Have you ever experienced a natural disaster such as a tornado or hurricane? What lesson did the experience impart to you?
2. Read Mark 8:34. Do you think your decision to “take up the cross” and follow Jesus Christ has cost you anything? If so, were your eyes wide open to the cost or did you find out after the fact?
3. Pastor William spoke about our instinct for self-preservation and the consequences of this behavior. Have you felt the burden of self-preservation during this crisis? If so, “what do you want [Jesus] to do for you?” (Mark 10:36)
4. Imagine your story in 5 years. How will you tell that story and what will it say about this season of your life? If every decision you make during this time will contribute to your story, what might you want to change or improve right now?
5. Pastor William invited us to live our lives on purpose. Have you asked yourself if you are intentional about your story? If you can, share some ideas with the group on how everyone might become more intentional during this difficult time. What would it look like, for you, if you lived a more “not so with you” life – and did so on purpose? [Mark 10:43]
6. What can you do to help others during this time of crisis? Can you put your weight/resources/power behind someone else's need?

MOVING FORWARD

Will your story be worth telling?

“Not so with you.”
Mark 10:43 (NIV)