



This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
- How are you living up with God?
- How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
- How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Mark: Act II

Read Mark 9:42-50 & 10:1-16

- Who is someone in your life that has helped you to learn what it means to follow Jesus?
- Why are children so important in the Kingdom of God?
- Jesus warns that causing one of the "little ones" who believe to sin would be better than having a large millstone hung around their neck and being thrown into the sea. Who are the "little ones" in your life (e.g., children, new believers, those with less power or influence) that you have a responsibility to protect and serve?
- Jesus says, "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". What is one **habit, relationship, or attitude** that is causing you to stumble and is keeping you from loving God and your neighbor?
- Where is your life paying attention? If an alien was watching you live your life what would they say is most important to you?
- Who do you find inconvenient to love that Jesus is asking you to love?
- Who is the next generation that you are passing on unrealistic expectations for life and faith that have nothing to do with Jesus but make you comfortable in your own interpretation or experiences?
- How can you give your life away for the next generation of Jesus followers?
- What sacrifices do we need to make as a church to make it clear to the next generation that they are essential to the Kingdom of God breaking in here in Ashland, Hanover, Virginia and beyond? Where can you live out your faith in King Jesus by putting the hopes, dreams and belonging of the next generation ahead of your own?