



LENT

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Enduring Model of Discipleship || Pastor Brian Zahnd || February 28, 2021

1. Who did you idolize when you were growing up? Was it a family member, an athlete, a TV or movie star, or someone else?
2. How long have you been a follower of Jesus? What was it like to follow Jesus at the beginning of your spiritual journey? What is it like now?

Read Mark 8:31-38

3. What are the problems with prioritizing our security and self-interest in our attempts to follow Jesus?
4. How is the way of Jesus distinct from a “theology of glory,” that is seeking to win and be number 1?
5. How does picking up the cross, instead of the sword, put to rest the myth of redemptive violence?

Read Matthew 27:15–23

6. Why do some Christians still want to choose the “way of Barabbas” over the way of Jesus?
7. What are some things we can do to keep our theology from accommodating the world as it is?
8. What does it look like to assume a cruciform posture in the world, instead of the clenched fist of protest or the wagging finger of accusation?
9. What most stands in the way of taking up your cross every day to follow Jesus?
10. Reflect on the following prayer. What stands out to you the most about these words? *Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.*