

# Mill Creek Community Church

## Sermon Discussion Questions

**Mark 8:22-9:1**

**February 1, 2026**

- Reread or review the passage together.
- Read through the sermon outline together.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Is there anything you learned in this passage that seemed new to you?
- How does this passage better inform your understanding of who God is?
- How do the truths revealed about God in these passages help shape the way believers should live in light of the Gospel? Explain.
- As Christians, how can we connect the truths we've learned from this section of God's Word and faithfully communicate them to a non-believer? What key points would you focus on, and how would you guide them toward the Gospel?
- Mill Creek, how can this text guide our church community and foster a positive impact on our local body? Considering our whole church, What does an appropriate response look like in reference to the Scripture and sermon?

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### **Application Questions:**

- In Jesus' day, the cross meant shame, torture, and death—not just a personal burden. How does this challenge our modern ideas of what it means to follow Jesus? Where do you see yourself resisting this kind of total surrender?
- Read Mark 8:35–38 together. Jesus says whoever tries to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for His sake and the gospel's will save it. How have you seen (or could you imagine) this paradox playing out in real life—where giving up control, comfort, or reputation actually leads to greater life and security in Christ?