

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

## **Closer to the Cross:**

### **A Journey from Death to Life**

#### **Part Three: With Jesus Who Calls Us to Follow Him, Mark 10:32–34**

Who do you say that Jesus is? Jesus first asked the question in Matthew 16:15, and it has been the most life-changing question ever since. Consider your answer based on these challenges: (1) the tendency to answer based on personal expectations and conveniences about Jesus; and (2) the reality that any answer will require a step of faith. Jesus helps us get to the heart of the question with a closer look at the three times He predicted His own death. We continue with the final prediction that came after an important invitation. Read Mark 10:32–34

#### **From the Third Prediction of His Death, We Discover:**

The Commitment that Jesus Made for Us

The Compassion that Jesus Modeled for Us

The Calling that Jesus Mandates for Us

#### **Questions for Group Discussion:**

1. What are some of the common opinions/theories about who Jesus is?
2. What does His third prediction of death teach us about commitment?
3. What does this prediction of death teach us about compassion?
4. How does the story of the rich young man factor into the prediction?
5. How would you have responded to Jesus' invitation to follow Him?
6. Is your relationship with Jesus more about watching or following Him?
7. How does dying to self impact your relationship with Jesus?
8. What things in your life need to “die” so you can follow Jesus?

#### **Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:**

What will I do this week to follow Jesus rather than expecting Him to follow me?

How will I live better and help others do the same because of this study?

#### **Notes & Reflections:**