

“God’s Interests vs. Man’s Interests”

Mark 8:27-33

Discussion Questions for Home Groups

1. Discuss how you often and in what areas in our lives that God’s interest and man’s interest collide.
2. Talk about an area from your past experience where these two interests have met head on.
3. What was it in Peter that Satan used to fill Peter with a passion for something that was contrary to the will of God?
4. How can we tell if someone’s advice is God’s word or Satan’s lie?
5. Was Jesus making the rebuke personal with Peter? Was Jesus now going to distance himself from his disciple?
6. When the disciples wanted to call fire from heaven to consume the Samaritans copying what Elisha had done, Jesus rebuked them, why?
7. What kind spirit was working in the disciples? Weren’t they just trying to protect their Lord?
8. In Peter it seemed to be pity or compassion, in the disciples with the Samaritans it seemed to be a militant attitude. What emotions or feelings can Satan use in us speak contrary to God’s will?
9. How do we live a life where the Holy Spirit guides our interests instead of Satan working through our flesh?
10. Do we have enough of the love for God’s will in our hearts to rebuke Satan’s suggestion, no matter who he may use to say it?