

Destruction and Distraction Mark 8:27-38

7.	Satan's false message is that happiness should be
	our goal in life.

2. Jesus teaches that following <u>Him</u> should be our primary goal in life.

3. Following Jesus brings eternal <u>significance</u> to our lives.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. It's easy to believe Satan's lie that our lives should revolve around our happiness. What are some of the ways you see that lie reinforced in culture (advertising, movies, TV, books, attitudes)?
- 2. When Jesus asked His disciples who they believed He was Peter answered correctly ("The Messiah"), but he didn't understand what that really meant. Why would it have been so hard for him and the other disciples to understand that?
- 3. Satan's lies usually have a "little truth sprinkled in." Why must we be aware of this, and can you think of some examples?
- 4. Someday you will stand in the presence of God. What do you want Him to think of you?

MEMORY VERSE

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."