



**September 12, 2021**

**Mark 8:27-38**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Faithful Lord, you taught your disciples again and again what it meant to follow in your path. Lead us, also, down that same way of faith which is open to challenge and hardship, but also joy and redemption. Amen.



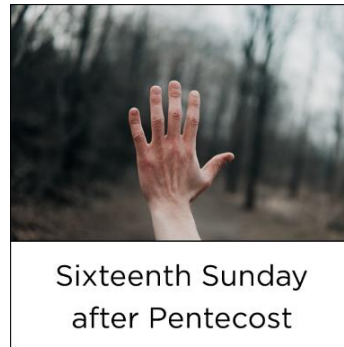
**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." (Mark 8:35)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

As people started talking about Jesus, he asked the disciples what others were saying about him. People speculated he was John the Baptist, Elijah, a prophet. The disciples believed he was the Messiah. They got it right! But, not so fast. They couldn't even begin to understand just what that meant.



Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Who is Jesus? (That's a big question. You might only be able to wrap your mind around it a little.)**

**Is following Jesus easy or hard for you? Why?**

**For the littles: Have you heard the word, Messiah? What do you think it means?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May Jesus reveal himself to you your whole life long. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Reflect on the times in your life when following Jesus or maintaining faith was hard. Consider whether it was worth the struggle. If so, make a plan for moving through the next time following Jesus gets hard. (Who will you reach out to? What spiritual practices can you sustain? What verses cling to your soul?)**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl](https://bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl) for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21; Romans 3:9-20

Tuesday, Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28; Colossians 3:1-11

Wednesday, Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-27; John 7:25-36

Thursday, Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Friday, Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33; Romans 11:25-32

Saturday, Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matthew 23:29-39