



## MESSAGES TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

### For Teens:

The following are a couple of text messages, Tweets, or Facebook statuses that you could send out to teens in order to promote the meeting and prepare them for it.

- Read Mark 8:27-38 before our meeting this week as we kick off our next unit.
- We will be talking about the cost of following Jesus this week. Bring with you an item that represents something you follow (such as a sports team, a college, or a book series).

### For Parents:

Here are some text messages to get parents and teens talking before your next meeting and a follow-up email to equip parents to continue encouraging their teens to engage in living on God's mission.

- Read Mark 8:27-38 with your teen. Share a time that you were right, but also wrong at the same time (just like Peter in this week's passage).
- This week we will be talking about the cost of discipleship. Share with your teen a cost you have paid for following Christ.

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### Dear Parents,

This week we started a new unit called *The Passion of Christ*. We will be looking at the last days leading up to and including the crucifixion of Jesus. This week we looked at the cost of discipleship as Jesus taught his followers that if they want to follow him, they must take up their cross and follow him. We spent time talking about the sacrifice that sometimes comes with following Jesus.

Here are some questions to keep some dialogue going with your teen:

- Why do you think Jesus told the disciples not to tell people he was the Messiah?
- Peter knew that Jesus was the Messiah, but he didn't understand what that truly means. He was right, but also wrong. What misconceptions do you have about who Jesus really is?
- What is something our family might have to sacrifice in order to follow Jesus?

Let me know if you have any questions as we continue through this series. Thanks for sharing your teen with us.