

## CONNECT

Do you remember a moment of kindness that impacted you as a child? Share the story!

## LEARN & APPLY

Repetition is the key to learning, especially with difficult things. In Mark, Jesus tells his disciples three times that he will be killed and rise again. Read the different accounts and compare them.

**What emotions or assumptions are the disciples dealing with in each situation?**

**What is Jesus teaching them, and us, about his Kingdom?**

- Read Mark 8:27-34
- Read Mark 9:2-10, and Mark 9:28-37
- Mark 10:32-34, and 35-45

**Why do you think this vision of Jesus' kingdom is so hard for the disciples to grasp?**

Twice in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus uses a child as an example. The first is in Mark 9:36-37, and the second is in Mark 10:13-16. The first is about how we welcome children, the second is about learning from the example of children (giving and receiving).

- Compare these two passages. What do you think the disciples learned from these examples that challenged them? What challenges us?
- What does it look like to 'welcome a child' in Jesus' name?
- What does it mean for us to have faith like a child?

## PRAY

Lord, keep teaching us these lessons of your kingdom. Walk with us as we try and fail and learn and grow, trusting you. In Jesus' name, Amen.