**Pastor Marcus Robinson \_\_\_ October 31, 2021**

**The Road To Commitment**

Mark 10:32-34

**Key Truth:** Commitment is more than a **verbal** statement. It’s the **actions** that are taken that **prove** your sincerity.

**What Takes Place On The Road:**

1. The road **reveals** your true **character**.
2. The road is full of **adversity** and makes you **uncomfortable**. Mark 10:32
3. The road will produce **decisions** that will **shape** your future. Mark 8:31, Mark 9:31, Mark 10:32
4. The road will determine if you are **leadership** material.

**What Happens When Testing Is Eminent:**

1. **Identify** and **prepare** for the test. Mark 10:32
2. Taking the **actual** test will build your **faith**. Mark 10:33-34

**A Promising Future Ahead:**

1. Jesus Death was **planned** for our **purpose**. Philippians 2:5-8
2. The Lord knows every **detail** of your **life**.

 Matthew 10:30, Psalm 44:21, Psalm 103:14, Psalm 139:3-[4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Psalm%20139.4)

1. The Lord kept His **commitment** for you.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Take your commitments as serious as Jesus took His. Ask God to help you with your follow through so that you can form a habit of commitment.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Read Mark 10:32-34: As Jesus began walking toward Jerusalem, Mark explained the disciples were astonished but the people who followed Jesus were afraid. In your experience, how do astonishment and fear play a part in following Jesus? When has following Jesus astonished you? When has it made you afraid?

How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus described what was going to happen to him when they got to Jerusalem— afraid, confused, cynical, or something else?

Read Luke 9:51: What was the significance of Jesus’ determining to go to, or “setting His face” toward, Jerusalem?

How did Jesus’ end goal impact His journey?

What is the “end goal” for believers? How should that impact our journey?

Read Luke 9:52-53: What happened in the Samaritan village?

Why did they reject Jesus? What does this tell you about how people will respond to your commitment to Christ’s mission in this world?

What would change in your life this week if you were fully committed to the mission of God in every moment and circumstance?

How did your priorities change when you became a follower of Jesus? What has helped you overcome the pull to go back to aspects of the life you had before Christ?

What can our group do to hold each other accountable to giving God’s mission top priority?