

A hand holding a sprig of green leaves against a light background. The leaves are small and oval-shaped, with a light green color. The hand is positioned in the lower center of the frame, with the fingers gently gripping the stem of the plant. The background is a soft, light blue-grey gradient.

MARK

A DEVOTIONAL FOR LENT

Week 4 | Rev. Emily Hines

Read Mark 8:1 - 10:12

Take notes of your initial observations. What surprised you? What intrigued you? Underline in your Bible or list below the words and phrases that stand out to you.

Weekly Spiritual Discipline: *Simplicity*

Minimalism is a hot trend these days. Where closets and clutter are reduced considerably to a very manageable size. However, minimalism is not simplicity, though they might seem similar. Simplicity is more than just less things. Simplicity is inward less-ness, becoming less multi-tasking, less distracted, less divided in mind and soul. Simplicity of the soul zeroes in our attention upon Christ for our fulfillment, joy, and peace.

Read Mark 8:1-26

Draw or outline the significant events and phrases from these verses:

What do you notice about the characters in these verses? Imagine yourselves in their shoes. What's happening in each person's perspective?

What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?

Is there a phrase or verse that seems applicable to your life's circumstances? Describe the connection.

Read Mark 8:27-38

Draw or outline the significant events and phrases from these verses:

What do you notice about the characters in these verses? Imagine yourselves in their shoes. What's happening in each person's perspective?

What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?

Is there a phrase or verse that seems applicable to your life's circumstances? Describe the connection.

Read Mark 9:1-32

Draw or outline the significant events and phrases from these verses:

What do you notice about the characters in these verses? Imagine yourselves in their shoes. What's happening in each person's perspective?

What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?

Is there a phrase or verse that seems applicable to your life's circumstances? Describe the connection

Read Mark 9:33-50

Draw or outline the significant events and phrases from these verses:

What do you notice about the characters in these verses? Imagine yourselves in their shoes. What's happening in each person's perspective?

What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?

Is there a phrase or verse that seems applicable to your life's circumstances? Describe the connection.

Read Mark 10:1-12

Draw or outline the significant events and phrases from these verses:

What do you notice about the characters in these verses? Imagine yourselves in their shoes. What's happening in each person's perspective?

What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?

Is there a phrase or verse that seems applicable to your life's circumstances? Describe the connection.

Read Mark 8:1-10:12

Review your notes for the week. What additional observations would you add?

Now that you have read and studied this week's scriptures three times, what questions do you have now about these verses? What else are you curious about?