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Hey Siri: Questions that Siri can't answer
Week 5

"Am I a consumer or follower of Christ?"

God's word: "Teaches us what's **right**, what's **not** right, how to **get** right and how to **stay** right" [2 Timothy 3:16](#)

Questions:

1. Am I being **truthful**? [Jeremiah 17:9](#)
2. What kind of **story** do I want to one day tell?
3. Is there a **stress** that needs to be addressed?
4. Which **decision** will bring God the most glory?
5. Am I a **consumer** or **follower** of Christ?

Bottom line: "Salvation is **free** but at some point, following Christ, will cost us **something**."

As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. **33** Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." **34** Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. **35** If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. **36** And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?

37 Is anything worth more than your soul? **38** If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

[Mark 8:27-32](#)

"Peter, you are only thinking about what **benefits** you."

"If you want to follow me, you have to say **no** to you"

Cross: a sign of **humility** and **submission**

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Peter denied Christ because he was trying to **hang on** to something that he was going to **lose** anyway.

Story of Peter's denial is told in all four Gospels:

[Matthew 26:69-75](#)

[Mark 14:66-72](#)

[Luke 22:54b-62](#)

[John 18:25-27](#)

Salvation is free, but following Jesus will cost us something

We will all die **from** something, but how many of us are willing to die **for** something?

Small group questions:

1. Out of the first four questions we have posed in our series to this point, which has been the hardest to answer: 1. Am I being truthful? 2. What kind of story do I want to one day tell? 3. Is there a stress that needs to be addressed? 4. Out of my options, which one will bring God the most glory? Why did you choose the question you did to answer?
2. When you think about the word consumer, what comes to mind?
3. What are characteristics of a consumer? What might be some characteristics of a consumer Christian?
4. Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](#). How does Paul say we are saved?
5. Can you recall and share a story of a time when you received a free, undeserved gift?
6. Read [Mark 8:27-38](#)
7. Even though our Salvation is free, what are some ways that our relationship with Jesus might cost us?
8. Is there an area that you are presently holding on to and struggling to let go of and trust God?

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