

**Cornerstone Community Fellowship**

**“Losing to Win” (2/23/25)**

**A. THE DEMANDS (Mark 8:34)**

**1. The audience**

- a. *“Then He called the crowd...” –*
- b. *“If anyone would come after me...” –*

**2. The requirements**

- a. *“He must deny himself” –*
- b. *“take up his cross” –*
- c. *“follow me” –*

**B. THE PARADOX (Mark 8:35-37)**

**1. Losing to win**

- a. *“save his life will lose it” –*
- b. *“loses his life will save it” –*

**2. The value of your soul**

- a. *“gain the whole world” –*
- b. *“yet forfeit his soul” –*
- c. *“give in exchange for his soul” –*

**C. THE CONDEMNATION (Mark 8:38)**

**1. “If anyone is ashamed of me...” –**

- a. can gain righteousness on their own
- b. seems foolish

**2. “the Son of Man will be ashamed of him...” –**

**Conclusion –**

Following Jesus is the best decision you will ever make; not following Jesus is the worst decision you will ever make. The demands of discipleship may be severe, but the rewards are great. When you follow Jesus, you will find peace and joy and meaning in life. That’s what you are signing up for!

*“The one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.” (Romans 9:33)*

*It’s called “losing to win!”*