Mark 8:22-9:1

Introduction: ***Clear-sighted Christianity***

1. Recognise Jesus' identity

2. Accept Jesus' mission

> **Isaiah 53** – *…he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; …the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*
> **Daniel 9** – *[the Messiah] shall be cut off and shall have nothing.*
> **Zechariah 12** – *…when they look on me, on him whom they have* ***pierced****…*
> **John 1** – *"Behold, the* ***Lamb*** *of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*
> **John 18** – *"Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me [the cup of God's wrath]?"*

3. Obey Jesus' call

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:
Why might we sometimes be tempted to think we don't need Jesus to die for us?
How does accepting Jesus' mission help us to obey His call?
What would it look like in practice to lose our lives for Jesus' sake and the gospel's?