Are You Ready for Full Disclosure?

**Mark 8:27-39**

Near the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus told his disciples: “I have much more to say to you, more than you can bear now.” John 16:12

Do you view your future that way? Do you fear circumstances are coming at you, that if you knew the details, you would not be able to bear the news?

What do you conclude from the proximity of these two things?

1. Jesus asks if they are ready to affirm that he is the Messiah; Peter speaks on behalf of the group and declares: “You are the Christ.”
2. Jesus only then, after 3 years with them, begins to plainly teach that he would suffer, be rejected by the Jewish leaders, die and rise again.

What do you think the disciples felt as he shared in this moment?

Did Jesus feel that the Father had given him more than he could bear?

See Mark 14:32-36

In general, do you have second thoughts about big decisions? Or once your mind is made up, do you ‘never look back’?

Think back to when you began the journey of discipleship, your decision to follow Jesus. If you had known then what it means to be a follower of Christ, would that have made your decision easier? Or more difficult?