



message notes

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The Worth of a Soul Mark 8:34-37; Romans 8:29

A probing question from Jesus: ***“Is anything worth more than your soul?”***
Mark 8:34-37

The Soul - The soul is “. . . the part of you that is most real—the very essence of you that God knew before he brought you forth in physical form, the part that will exist after your body goes into the ground . . . It is the part of you that longs for more of God than you have right now.” – *Ruth Haley Barton, Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*

- The scriptures define humans as body, mind and soul
- Every one of us will be confronted with the state of our soul
- God’s two great concerns for our soul:
 - Salvation
 - Becoming like Jesus

Where do we go from here?

What can I do?

1. Respond to God’s gracious invitation.
2. Create conditions in my life that enable the transformation of my soul.

Opening our soul to God’s gracious invitation

- What is God inviting us into?
Relationship (Trinitarian in nature)
 1. Initiated by the Father - **John 6:44**
 2. Restored by the Son - **Romans 5:8**
 3. Empowered by the Holy Spirit - **Romans 15:13**
- What is God’s desire?
The salvation of our soul
 - We become like Jesus
 - **Romans 8:29 (NLT)** - For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to **become like his Son...**
 Our response? - Faith

Denial of Self - Mark 8:34-35

Stepping away from relationships with self as primary