

## Barriers: Boring DATE: March 21, 2018 SPEAKER: Ben Fuqua

Use the following as a starting point for conversation:

- 1. Read Mark 8:34-36 aloud.
- 2. This week's barrier to faith is the idea that the church is boring. Has that ever been a barrier for you? In what way? How did you get over it (assuming you have)?
- 3. Ben talked about the gospel being dangerous because it means giving up the control we think we have over our lives and submitting to Jesus. Are you struggling with trying to keep control over your life? What do you have a tight grip on that you need to give up to Jesus?
- 4. The gospel is also about being set apart. Does your life look set apart for Christ? Is there a change you need to make to look more like Jesus and less like the world?
- 5. Finally, the gospel is costly. Do you feel like you have paid or are paying a cost for following Christ? Do you believe it's worth it? Would other people look at your life and see you joyfully paying any price to follow Jesus?
- 6. Do you know anyone who's currently struggling with the barrier of thinking the church is boring? How will you go about trying to have a conversation with them about it and share with them what the gospel truly is?