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**HOW JESUS CORRECTED HIS DISCIPLES**

There are two stories in the Gospel of Mark where Jesus heals physical blindness (8:22-26 & 10:46-52). In between these stories of physical blindness, we find Jesus addressing spiritual blindness in three distinct cases (8:31-38; 9:30-37; 10:32-40). Each case follows the same pattern:

Jesus says He is going to suffer, die and rise again. (8:31; 9:30-32; 10:32-34)

The disciples miss the point and fail miserably in understanding Jesus' teaching. (8:32-33; 9:33-34; 10:35-37)

Then Jesus tells them what true discipleship looks like. (8:34-38; 9:35-37; 10:38-40)

Three times Jesus calls them back to true discipleship when their thinking reverts back to human thinking and not God's way of thinking.

When making disciples, follow the pattern of Jesus. When your disciples fail (and they will fail at times) keep calling them back to true discipleship. Repetition is the key. These passages give you Jesus' definition of true discipleship. He kept calling them back to His standard and we should do the same.