#### Mark 8:22-38

**1. The Revelation**

‘Who do you say that I am?’

What has informed your answer?

**2. The Rebuke**

What are the ‘human things’ you are tempted to set your mind on?

**3. The Recalibration**

What elements of Jesus’ path of discipleship are challenging you right now?

#### John 13:1-17

**1. Receiving the ministry of Jesus**

‘Jesus washes our feet. He stoops down to touch one of the most blatantly broken areas of our body. Our feet often reveal the struggle of the journey we’ve lived. They bear the wounds of ill-fitting footwear, and of a long, arduous meandering through life. Our feet often reveal the weight we’ve been carrying; the pain we’ve been holding; they reveal the place we are most vulnerable. They sometimes smell, and constantly remind us of our shortcomings. So, when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, he’s touching them at their most vulnerable, broken, and tired place of their body. For Jesus, washing our feet is not a matter of making us sanitary. This act is a matter of seeing us in the place we most often want to hide. In bending down to touch and wash our feet, Jesus says, “I see you, I know you, and I love you.”’

Rich Villodas

The challenge of vulnerability

The challenge of understanding servant-leadership

**2. Repeating the example of Jesus**

**3. Revealing the heart of Jesus**

#### Matthew 26:31-56, 69-75

**Common reactions to fear**

1. Bravado

2. Withdrawal

3. Violence

4. Denial

Which reaction/s do you identify in your own responses to fear?

**Why do we react to fear in these ways?**

1. Lack of self-awareness

2. Lack of understanding of the big picture

3. Lack of trust in Jesus

4. Self-protection

Only in the light of truth can we respond in different ways.

#### John 21

1. Return to the familiar

2. Reconciliation

3. Restoration

4. Reminder

### What is our vision of God?

‘Misthinking distorts God’s character to the Enemy’s advantage and leaves a soul dangerously vulnerable to spiritual adultery’

The Sacred Slow, Alicia Britt Chloe.

‘The man who comes to a right belief about God is relieved of ten thousand temporal problems, for he sees at once that these have to do with matters which at the most cannot concern him for very long.’

The Knowledge of the Holy, Tozer.

‘Fear is looking at Jesus through your circumstances. Faith is looking at your circumstances through Jesus’ eyes.’

Unknown

‘If spiritual leadership is anything, it is the capacity to see the bush burning in the middle of our own life and having enough sense to turn aside, take off our shoes and pay attention.’

Strengthening the Soul of your Leadership, Ruth Haley Barton

### Exodus 3:1-12

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2**There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. **3**So Moses thought, ‘I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.’

**4**When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, ‘Moses! Moses!’ And Moses said, ‘Here I am.’ **5**‘Do not come any closer,’ God said. ‘Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.’ **6**Then he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

**7**The Lord said, ‘I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. **8**So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. **9**And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. **10**So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.’

**11**But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ **12**And God said, ‘I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, youwill worship God on this mountain.’

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* Vision of God (3:4-6).

* Vision for God’s people (3:7-9).

* Vision for Moses (3:10-12).

### Why is Discerning Personal Vision Important?

#### Consider…

* Question one.

* Question two.