**Jesus Doesn’t Force Belief – Mark 8:27-30**

**Main Point: Jesus asks us, doesn’t force us to believe. How will you respond?**

**Intro**… After club last week and at Mr Pinnacle people have been asking the big question… “Will you go to prom with me?”

The first time I asked a question like this… 7th grade band. Tenille.

(SHOW POWERPOINT)

**Transition: A good question deserves an honest answer. I want to read to you a great question…**

**Mark 8:27-30**

* Jesus had just healed a blind man.
* While Jesus was on the way
  + sometimes the best conversations happen on the way to somewhere.
* “Who do people say I am?”
  + An honest question that we all wonder about
  + “What do people say about me?”
* John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets
  + A famous religious leader
  + An honest answer
* “But what about YOU? Who do YOU say I am?”
  + We can give the “right” answer
  + We can give what “everyone” else is saying
  + Jesus wants to know what YOU think about him
* Peter’s answer… You are the Christ, the one who will save us.
  + Up until this time the disciples only called Jesus “teacher” now Peter calls him God, the one they awaited.

**What is your response?**

Story: What if someone asked you to prom, you said “yes” but never went? Some of us have done that to God. Our words don’t match our actions.

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**Challenge: How do you respond? (SHOW POWERPOINT) (10 sec of silence during the prayer)**