

THIS 12 WEEK SERIES WILL JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MARK. WE WILL BE FOCUSING EACH WEEK ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS. USE THESE GUIDES IN YOUR SMALL GROUP OR GRAB YOUR SPOUSE OR A FRIEND AND WORK THROUGH THE QUESTIONS TOGETHER. THERE WILL BE A **MARK STUDY GROUP** FOR ANYONE INTERESTED ON SUNDAY NIGHTS (STARTING OCT 14TH) FROM 6:30PM-7:45PM IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT. WE WILL HAVE THE COFFEE ON SO COME AND JOURNEY WITH US AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE **ADVENTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP!**

↔ **TALK ABOUT**

MARK'S GOSPEL IS ORGANIZED LIKE A PHOTO ALBUM OF JESUS' LIFE. SHARE A SNAPSHOT OR TWO THAT HAS PARTIALLY SHAPED WHO YOU ARE TODAY.

READ ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF JESUS: MARK 1:9-11

WHY DO YOU THINK MARK BEGAN WITH THIS 'SNAPSHOT' OF JESUS' LIFE?

HOW WOULD YOUR LIFE CHANGE IF EACH DAY BEGAN WITH A STRONG ASSURANCE THAT YOU ARE DEEPLY LOVED BY GOD?

IN THE SERMON, CURTIS SHARED SOME OTHER WAYS WE ARE PRONE TO VIEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. (E.G. EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYER). WHAT PROBLEMS ARE CREATED WHEN WE MISUNDERSTAND OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

READ 1 JOHN 1:1-3 AND EPHESIANS 3:14-19

IN THESE PASSAGES, HOW DO JOHN AND PAUL EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE FOR US TO ROOT OURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD?

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MARK INTENTIONALLY BEGAN HIS BIOGRAPHY OF JESUS WITH BAPTISM. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED, HOW WAS YOUR OWN BAPTISM IMPORTANT IN YOUR JOURNEY AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

READ MARK 1:12-13

MARK'S VERY SPECIFIC THAT JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT TO THE DESERT WHERE HE WAS TEMPTED BY SATAN. JESUS LEANED ON THE FATHER THROUGH THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE.

OFTEN OUR LIVES ARE "WILDERNESS" AND "TESTING." SHARE AN EXAMPLE OF WHEN GOD CARED FOR YOU IN THE WILDERNESS.

READ MATTHEW 4:1-11

NOTICE HOW SATAN ATTACKS JESUS' RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM HOW JESUS HANDLED THESE SCENARIOS THAT WOULD HELP US DURING OUR OWN TRIALS?

IN LIGHT OF THIS PASSAGE FROM MARK, WHAT'S ONE THING THAT YOU CAN DO THIS WEEK IN RESPONSE TO THIS PASSAGE?