

The Gospel of Mark - Bible Study for Men
"Launching a movement of Disciple Making"

Week 1: Introduce Mark and get to Know One Another

References: Proverbs 27:17, Colossians 3:12-17

Have each man share their history, heroes, hurts and hopes for the study.

Week 2: Mark 1:1-8 - A Compelling Vision of Manhood: Character Study of John the Baptist

References: Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7-8, 15-24, 3:8-19

What does John teach us about being a man? How is what society says in conflict with the Bible?

Week 3: Mark 1:9-15 - Identity

References: Ephesians 1:3-14, I Samuel 17

Where do men find their identity? What does it look like to have an identity based on Jesus?

Week 4: Mark 1:12-13 - Temptation

References: Matthew 4:1-11, I Corinthians 10:13

Where are men tempted today? What are some principles for dealing with temptation?

Week 5: Mark 1:14-20 - Following Jesus

References: Matthew 4:19-20, John 8:31-32

What does it mean to be a disciple? What are some 'nets' you need to drop?

Week 6: Mark 1:21-34 - Healing the Wounds of the Past

References: Psalm 109:22, I John 1:9

How are men wounded from their past? How does God bring healing to our wounds?

Week 7: Mark 1:35 - Time with God

References: Matthew 6:5-13, II Timothy 3:16-17

What does a regular time with Jesus look like? Why are prayer and Bible study important to our growth?

Week 8: Mark 1:36-45 - Living with a Sense of Purpose

References: Ephesians 2:8-10, Jeremiah 29:11-13, Philippians 3:7-14

Why is a sense of purpose important? How do you discover God's purpose for your life?

Week 9: Mark 2:1-12 - Band of Brothers

References: Hebrews 10:24-25, Proverbs 12:26, 13:10, 16:28, 18:24

How is this story a picture of male friendship and community? What are the qualities of authentic community?

Week 10: Mark 2:13 - 17 - Contagious Christianity

References: Matthew 5:13-16, Colossians 4:2-6

What do we learn from Jesus about evangelism? What are the principles for being a contagious Christian?

Week 11: Mark 2:18-28 - Spiritual Disciplines

References: I Timothy 4:7, I Corinthians 9:24-27

What are spiritual disciplines & why are they important? What is fasting? What are other disciplines you have built into your life?

Week 12: Mark 3:1-12 - Love One Another

References: John 13:34-35, I John 4:7-21, Romans 12:9-21

How does Jesus demonstrate compassion in this passage and others? How do rules and traditions sometimes stand in the way of loving others? How can you grow in compassion?

Week 13: Mark 3:13-35 - Discipling Others

References: Matthew 28:19-20, II Timothy 2:2, I Thessalonians 2:7-13

What do we learn about discipling others from this passage and Jesus? How can each of us be involved in making disciples?

Week 14: Mark 4:1-20 - Matters of the Heart

References: Isaiah 55:11, I Samuel 16:7

What is a parable? What do the seed, soil and sower represent? What are the four responses? What is the condition of your heart?

Week 15: Mark 4:21-34 - God is at Work

References: Philippians 1:6, II Corinthians 5:17, II Peter 3:18

What do we learn about God's work in our lives from these parables?

Week 16: Mark 4:35-41 - Living in Difficult Times

References: Philippians 1:12-21, 4:6-7, James 1:2-4

What do we learn about living in the storms of life? What storm are you facing in life right now? Where is Jesus? Is He outside the boat, in the back sleeping, or in charge?

Week 17: Mark 5:1-43 - Jesus' Power over Demons, Death, Disease, and Nature

References: Romans 8:1-17, John 14:15-21, 16:7-15

What do you learn about God's power and timing from this chapter?

Week 18: Mark 6:1-13 - Sending the Twelve

References: Acts 1:3-8, Luke 11:1-4

What do we learn about sending from this passage? What does it mean to be a disciple maker?

Week 19: Mark 6:30-52 - The Man God Uses

References: Nehemiah 1, Acts 4:13, John 15:1-8

What do we learn about the man that God will use? What does it look like to see the world as Jesus does? What can you offer to Jesus to be multiplied?

Week 20: Mark 7:1-23 - The Dangers of Religion

References: Psalm 139:23-24, Psalm 26:2-3, Proverbs 28:13

What are some rules, traditions and policies that we give the same authority to as the God's Word? Are there any areas of your life where you are being hypocritical?

Week 21: Mark 8:27-9:1 - The Cost of Following Jesus

References: Luke 9:18-27, Matt 16:25

What do we learn about the cost of following Jesus? What does it mean to deny yourself? To take up the cross? To lose your life and follow Christ?

Week 22: Mark 9:2-13 - The Transformed Life

References: Romans 12:1-2, II Corinthians 3:18

In this passage, Jesus' humanity was rolled away and His deity came bursting forth. This is what He wants to do in our lives as well. What does this transformation look like for us? Jesus wants all of your life, not just part of your life. Is there an area you are holding back from Him?

Week 23: Mark 9:14-29 - Freedom

References: John 11:33-44, Galatians 4:4-7

Jesus came to set men free; what are some areas you see men in bondage? How can you help men be freed from the things that are paralyzing them - pornography, alcohol, drugs, gambling, etc.?

Week 24: Mark 10:1-12 - Marriage

References: Ephesians 5:15-33, Colossians 3:12-17

What are 4-5 things we learn about marriage from this passage? What are some obstacles to a healthy marriage? What are some things you can do to grow your marriage?

Week 25: Mark 10:17-31 - Men Today

References: Matthew 6:19-33, Acts 9:1-19

How is this man a picture of so many men in our society today? What is the heart of the Gospel? What was the man's misconception regarding the Gospel? Who are some men in your life that are searching? How is this seen?

Week 26: Mark 10:32-45 - Servant Leadership

References: John 13:1-17, Philippians 2:1-11

What are the various components of servant leadership explained in this passage? How is this passage so countercultural from our society and church today? What does servant leadership look like in your home, work, church and community?

Week 27: Mark 11:1-14 - King Jesus

References: Timothy 1:17, Matthew 6:33

The people were expecting an earthly Kingdom, Jesus came to set up an eternal Kingdom. What does his kingdom here on earth look like? What does it mean for Jesus to reign and rule my life?

Week 28: Mark 12:28-34 - Love Wins

References: John 14:15,21, I Corinthians 13

What does it mean and look like to Love God? How can you be more loving to those in your sphere of influence? What does it mean to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the world?

Week 29: Mark 14:27-31, 66-72, John 21:2-17, Acts 2:38-41 - After You Have Blown It

References: Jonah 3:1, Colossians 2:13-15

What do we learn about "starting over" after we have blown it, from these passages? What are some key steps to God restoring you and using you?

Week 30: Mark 15:21-47 - The Crucifixion of Jesus

References: II Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:8, Galatians 2:20

Why is the cross central to Christianity? How does the love and justice of God meet on the cross? What is the relationship between the cross and my Christian life?

Week 31: Mark 16:1-11 - The Resurrection of Jesus

References: Corinthians 15, Romans 6

How does the resurrection separate Jesus from all other world religions? What does it mean to be 'raised with Jesus'? What does resurrection living look like?

Week 32: Mark 16:12 - 20 - Launching a Movement of Discipleship

References: Acts 13:1-5

What must each of the men in the group do, to start discipling their own group of men? Pray for the men they will be inviting into the process. What have each of you learned about leading a discipleship group?