

LifeGroup Study SheetsJanuary 29th, 2023 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 3)

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Would you rather cook dinner or have someone cook you dinner? Would you rather clean someone else's house or have them clean your house? The topic or idea for this week is "to serve or to be served?"

Digging In

Question 1: Read Mark 1:9. Jesus associated himself with sinners. One of the ways Jesus associated with sinners was He participated in baptism. Baptism was for sinners because of the need for repentance, turning away from sin and turning to God for forgiveness (v. 4). How does Jesus showing his humility in baptism show his identification with you?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:21** – How does this verse connect with Jesus being baptized?

Question 2: Read Mark 1:10-11. During the baptism of Jesus, the Spirit of God anoints Jesus. This may seem inconsequential, and something we could skip past while reading, but it has enormous significance. **Isaiah 42:1** prophesizes that this would happen because of what Jesus was commissioned to do. How does **verse 11** affirm that Jesus is God? Why is this important in understanding what Jesus was sent to earth to do?

Question 3: Read Mark 1:12-13. Jesus shows his authority over Satan. Why do you think the Spirit brought Jesus to the wilderness to be tempted? What do you think this says about your own life when you are tempted?

Read Matthew 4:1-11. How does Jesus have power of Satan's temptations? How does this apply to your spiritual life during temptation?

What is one constant thing Jesus uses in the face of every temptation?

Question 4: Read Mark 1:14-15. Jesus articulates the Gospel by showing there are two important parts. Repent and believe. **Acts 19:4** is the same message, repentance of believe in Christ. Why do you think it is so easy for Christians to talk about belief but not repentance? How have you seen that even in your own life?

Taking it Home

Reflect on these application question:

- **Who do I serve?** Do I rescue the “lost” (Luke 19:10) and do I serve the “sick” (Mark 2:16-17)?
- **What am I full of?** (Ephesian. 5:18)
- **When God looks down at me from heaven, am I making him smile?** (Numbers 6:24-25)
- **How do I react when I am attacked with temptation?** (1 Peter 5:8), 1 John 4:4)
- **How am I sharing the Good News?** (Colossians 4:2-6)

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?