

LifeGroup Study Sheet

February 5th, 2023 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 5)

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?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Mark 1:21-24. Pastor Jeff described the scene in Capernaum of everyone being amazed and astonished by Jesus' teachings. He was even having people possessed with evil spirits approach Him and proclaim His deity! How are you amazed or astonished by the teachings of Jesus? How do you treat His teachings as "one who has authority."

Read James 2:19

How does this verse put into perspective Jesus' authority over all things? How does that relate to your spiritual life?

Question 2: Read Mark 1:25-34. Jesus, along with his authority, shows his power when he speaks! In verse 25, He tells the spirits to "be quiet and to come out." Later we see Jesus healing a woman of her illness and fever. In what way does this show you Jesus' power when He speaks? How in your life have you had unbelief toward a circumstance that seemed impossible for God to intervene? Why do you think Jesus allows us to see the type of power He has?

Read Matthew 12:24-32.

Jesus casts out demons with the power of the Holy Spirit working in Him.

Question 3: Read Mark 1:35-37. Jesus emphasized the priority of His alone time with God. Verse 35 notes His devotion to getting away from all distractions, both good and bad. Is this a normal practice in your life? How does prayer and spending solitude with God look in your life today? Somebody will always be looking for you, and there will always be a someone that has a need that needs met! (v.37). But Jesus still finds time to be alone and to pray!

Read Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thess 5:17

Question 4: Read Mark 1:38-39. Jesus emphasizes again why He came to this earth, "that I may preach the Good News." Why do you think that Jesus doesn't emphasize any of the other things He does, but his

preaching was the most important thing? How does this apply to your life as a Christ-follower? How do you prioritize things in your own life? Does it align with what Jesus prioritized?

Taking it Home

Reflect on these application questions:

1. ...sitting in Jesus' presence. How will you recognize who He is this week? (Worship)
2. ...seeing Jesus' power. How will you respond to what He has done this week? (Obedience)
3. ...seeking Jesus' **priorities**. How will you remember **why** He came this week? (Mission)

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?