

## LifeGroup Study Sheets

April 7th, 2024 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 58)

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing 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**

Have you ever had the question of the accuracy or reliability of a document? Whether it was email, text message, or a letter; how do you typically verify the validity of the source? Are there ways to do such a thing? There are ways that every book in the Bible can be verified by its source!

**Digging In**

**Question 1: Read Mark 16:8.** The last word in verse 8 says that the women who saw the empty tomb were speechless. The Greek word is “ekstasis” – which is where we get our word “ecstasy” or “amazement” or “astonished.” There are over 18 times this word is used throughout the Gospel of Mark. Look at and read these few verses that talk about the amazing things Jesus did.

**Read:**

1:22 – amazed at his teaching.

1:27 – amazed at his authority.

2:12 – amazed he can forgive.

How have you been amazed at Jesus' teachings recently? What amazes you about Jesus' authority? Have you reflected on how Jesus provides forgiveness?

**Question 2:** There are so many instances in the Gospel of Mark where the people continue to be amazed at things Jesus did and spoke. Pick three of these instances listed below and read the passage that correlates with it. Write down what you imagine the people in that day were experiencing. Write down how God is showing you the amazement that accompanies an encounter with Jesus himself. How does that amazement lead you to faith?

**5:20** – amazed he can heal the demon possessed,

**5:42** – Astonished he can raise the dead,

**6:2** – amazed at teaching,

**6:51** – amazed he can walk on water,

**7:36** – overwhelmed with amazement at all he has done

**9:6** – frightened by his transfiguration,

**9:15** – overwhelmed with wonder,

**10:24** – amazed at his words,

**10:26** – amazed at his teaching,

**10:32** – astonished by how he led,

**11:18** – amazed at his teaching,

**12:17** – amazed by how he could answer tricking questions,

**15:5** – amazed by his response,

**16:8** – trembling and bewildered by his resurrection

**Question 3: Read Mark 16:15;19-20.** Pastor Jeff read the last few verses of Mark 16, and asked the question, “what did the disciples do after Jesus left?” This responsibility of His followers is found in the other gospels as to what disciples of Jesus are charged to do. What role or responsibility do you have in following these verses? How are you sharing Jesus in the context you are in?

**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?