

Mark
The Dance
Mark 1:1-13

TALK IT OVER

Passages

"1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.' 12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." – Mark 1:1-13 (ESV)

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Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- September 23rd St. John's School Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser
- Apple-Pie-A-Thone Volunteers needed! Contact Pam Erbes wapare@yahoo.com

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle of or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
- The sermon text was Mark 1:1-13 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Luke 3:1-22 in your Bible for your life group main text.
- In Luke 3:21 what does Jesus do after he is Baptized? What happens as He is doing this?
- What Bodily form does the Holy Spirit take? What is its significance?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How do you think the Father, Son and Spirit actively love each other?
- How does it show that God who is one is also in relationship with the three persons of the Trinity? How do you love the ones you are in relationship with?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- What relationships in your life need you right now? How can you be there for them?
- Text a couple of people in your contact list, tell them what you love about them.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.