

JOURNEY together



Current Series:

“The Gospel According to Mark”

**Disciples
growing together
in small groups**

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Step 1: GET REAL

What are you thankful for from the past week?

What struggles did you face this past week?

What can you share from your personal Bible reading?

What are your thoughts from Mark 3-4?

Step 2: GET FED, page 1

Text: Mark 3-4

3:1-12 (see also Matt. 12:11-12)

- Why were the Pharisees looking for a reason to accuse Jesus?
- Why do you think Jesus purposefully healed the man in front of everyone?
- Why do you think that the Pharisees would not answer Jesus' question about doing good on the Sabbath?
- Does it surprise you that Jesus was angry (v. 5)? Should we follow his example, and get angry, too? (see Eph. 4:25-27; Matt. 18:15).
- What does it mean if we fail to do good, when we have the opportunity? (James 4:17).

3:13-35

- Jesus says that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is an unforgivable and eternal sin. All other sins (e.g., David's adultery, Peter's denial, Saul's persecution) were open to forgiveness, but not this one. From the context, try to describe what blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is.
- Why is this sin unforgivable?

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Text: Mark 3-4

4:1-20

- What dual purpose did Jesus have by teaching in parables? • Why did Jesus interpret the parables for his disciples and not others? • Why did the seed fail to germinate in the people with path-like hearts? • What made their hearts so hard? (cf. Eph. 4:17-19; Heb. 3:13). • Is it possible to be “too” enthusiastic to follow Jesus (see Luke 14:28-33). • What is the "crop" of the Christian life?

4:21-25

- What was Jesus referring to when he said that the concealed is meant to be revealed and the hidden disclosed? (See vss. 9-11, 33-34; Luke 8:16-18)? • What determines whether or not we receive the message?

4:26-34

- What are the implications of the “Parable of the Growing Seed” for evangelism? (See 1 Cor. 3:6).

4:35-41

- Have you ever felt like the disciples – that is, overcome by the storms of life? • If so, how did your faith compare with theirs? • Do you think that your faith ought to be significantly stronger than it is?

Step 3: **GET ACTIVE**

Make a list of the “other things” (4:19) which are potentially choking your spiritual life, then decide what you’re going to do about them.

Read Mark 5-6, discuss it with your family, and be ready to share your thoughts next week: