JOURNEY together

Current Series:

"The Gospel According to Mark"

Disciples
growing together
in small groups

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Step 1: GETREAL

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 1-2?

Step 2: GET FED, page 1

Text: Mark 1-2

1:1-13

- In what ways was John's baptism different from Christian baptism (Acts 2:38)?
- Why was it important for Jesus to undergo temptation? (Heb. 4:15).
- Since baptism is for the forgiveness of sins, why was Jesus baptized? (Matt. 3:15).

1:14-20

• What explanation can you suggest for Simon, Andrew, James, and John *immediately* leaving their nets in order to follow Jesus? What insight does John 1:35-42 provide?

1:21-34

- What made Jesus' teaching so much more authoritative than the teachers with which the Galileans were familiar? (Consider Matt. 5:21-22; 27-28, 31-32)
- What reasons can you suggest as to why Jesus would not let the demons speak?

1:35-45

- Why did Jesus pray so very early in the morning? Why did he pray alone?
- •The man healed of leprosy was explicitly told to not announce that Jesus had healed him. What possible reasons can you suggest for the man doing the exact opposite?

Step 2: GET FED, page 2

Text: Mark 1-2

2:1-12

Why did Jesus physically heal the paralytic?

2: 13-17

Who did Jesus come to heal? What did he come to heal them of?

2:18-21

• What do you think Jesus was alluding to in his parable (Luke 5:36) about the impropriety of patched garments and new wineskins?

2:23-27

• If on your way to church one morning you happened to see a man injured in a car wreck, do you suppose God would rather have you help the man or make it to church "on time"? In what ways does this situation parallel David's "breaking" the law by eating the consecrated bread? (1 Sam. 21:1-6).

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

Get up very, very early one morning and PRAY (really seriously PRAY) by yourself for at least 10 minutes.

Read Mark 3-4, discuss it with your family, and be ready to share your thoughts next week: