

Make Room for Jesus

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Introduction:

Text: Mark 1:1-8

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_____ is the process by which Jesus makes you into the person He planned for you to be.

Big Idea: God is actively working his plan to transform the hearts of individuals. *Are you listening?* YES or NO

#1-Discipleship requires preparation -- _____ (Mark 1:1-3)

- The good news is that Jesus is the Messiah we've been waiting for and the God we've been longing for (1).
- When God makes a _____, you never have to question if He will keep it (2).
- Remove any _____ in the way of you following Jesus (2-3).

#2-Discipleship is heart-level work – _____ (Mark 1:4-6)

- Being bold in ministry requires a _____ in G_____ and not oneself (4).
- The people prepared for Jesus through: (4-5).
 - **R** _____ - is God's tool to transform the human heart
 - **C** _____ – this is our agreement with God about our sin and our need for Him
 - **B** _____ – public display of our inward belief
- John dressed like Elijah because his heart, like Elijah's, was for God's purpose (6).

#3-Discipleship re-orders the inner life — _____ (Mark 1:7-8)

- Never get so caught up focusing on your kingdom that you neglect to prioritize God's Kingdom (7).
- John cleared the path for Jesus; Jesus cleared the path for the Holy Spirit (8).

Truth into Action:

#1- Knowing that God keeps all of his promises, **REMEMBER THE GOSPEL OF MARK IS GOD REVEALING HIS PLAN TO YOU.**

#2- **John lived his life pointing others toward Jesus, LIVE TO POINT OTHERS TO JESUS.**

CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

#1-There's no better time to get right with God than right now.

#2-Specifically, how do you need to make room for Jesus?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: How would you prepare your home for the visit of a very important person?

1. Read about John's birth as recorded in Luke 1:5-25, 57-80. What stands out to you?
2. Share some of your initial thoughts and impressions from the sermon. What is unique about the gospel of Mark?
3. What is the implication of a human (Jesus Christ) being the Son of God (v.1)? (See also John 14:6 & Acts 4:12).
4. In verses 2-3, John quotes from Isaiah and Malachi. What was John the Baptist's main task?
5. According to v. 4-5 describe the message John was preaching and the response of the people. Why the wilderness? What is repentance? Why confession? Why baptism? What does it mean to be forgiven by God?
6. Read v. 6-7. Discuss what John the Baptist was like. What can we learn from him?
7. After our own wilderness, repentance and forgiveness God offers us the ability to be filled with the Holy Spirit (v.8). How can this make a difference in our lives?

Closing Prayer: Father we can so easily fill our lives with clutter and noise. Please help me to make room for Jesus and invite others to do the same. Amen!

Resources:

- R. C. Sproul, The Gospel of Mark
- Life Application Bible Commentary, Mark
- Jason Meyer, Mark for You
- Gaebelien (Ed.), The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Matthew, Mark, Luke