



Title: Jesus' Ministry Begins with a Splash

Main Scripture: Mark 1:9-11

Jesus' need to be baptized (v 9)

(1 Pet 2:22, Heb 4:15, 1 Jn 3:5, 2 Cor 5:21)

Jesus needed the Holy Spirit (v 10)

(Rev 6:12-14, Jn 1:32-33, Isa 11:2-3, Mk 1:8)

Jesus needed the affirmation of the Father (v 11)

(Mk 9:7, 1:12-13)

Words of Affirmation from our Father

Ephesians 1:5

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Romans 8:37

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Psalms 139:14

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Luke 1:37

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

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Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 1:9-11



Prayer: Father God, thank You for Your love for us. Thank You for Your Word. Please guide us and help us in this time together, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Icebreaker: What is the most affirming thing someone has ever said to you? If you don't have something to share, then think of something that you wish your dad or mom would have said to you.

Take time to now read Mark 1:9-11. What stands out to you in this passage? What is one thing that you have never realized before? What challenged you from this passage?

- Explain in your own words why it is important that Jesus lived a sinless life. Discuss as a group why this is important for every follower of Jesus to understand. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus lived a sinless life?
- Why is it significant that heaven was torn open and that the Holy Spirit remained on Jesus? What did it mean for Jesus, His disciples and for us today?
- What does God the Father say about Jesus? Why do you think that this is important for Jesus? Why do you think God the Father's words about Jesus are important for us today?
- How can you follow God the Father's example of affirming others? How could you practice that together as a small group?
- Has everyone in your small group been baptized? Why or why not? Take time to share why your baptism is important to you. Take time to listen to any group members who have not been baptized. What barriers do they have? Is there any way that your group can help them?

Personal Response

- *The act of baptism is a statement; I am committed, I'm immersed in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God. I'm all in, sold out, surrendered. I've died to myself – my desires, my wishes, my wants – and I surrender myself to God's rule and reign in my life, my spirit, soul and body. How do you respond to this statement? Take time to tell God that you are all in with Him today.*
- Are you needing some words of encouragement and affirmation. Ask God to show you how He feels about you today. Read Psalm 139:14-18.

Prayer: Father God, thank You for Jesus, our sinless Saviour. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who is with us and in us. We commit ourselves to be all in with You again today. Please speak Your words of affirmation to us and use us to speak Your words of affirmation to others. In Jesus' name, amen.