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A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

SURPRISED IN SCRIPTURE:

astonished, amazed, filled with wonder, stunned, shocked

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

the good and abundant life found only in Christ

The Urgency of the Gospel

“And they went into Capernaum, and **immediately** on the Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching.”

Mark 1:21 ESV

“And **immediately** they left their nets and followed him.”

Mark 1:18 ESV

How does following Christ align with your priorities?

<u>Urgent/Important</u>	<u>Non-Urgent/Important</u>
<u>Urgent/Non-Important</u>	<u>Non-Urgent/Non-Important</u>

The Relevancy of the Gospel

“Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:15 ESV

Where is Christ asking you to repent, believe or follow him?

Repent: a change of mind, attitude, and behavior

Believe: confidence, trust, assurance, and faith

Follow: come after, enter a relationship with, learn from

To repent, believe and follow Christ is more than a one-time event - it is an ongoing process of following Christ 24/7.

The Authority of the Gospel

“And they were astonished/surprised at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had **authority**.”

Mark 1:22 ESV

“What is this? A new teaching with **authority**!”

Mark 1:27 ESV

Jesus displayed authority over...

The Wilderness (Mark 1:12)

Temptation (1:13)

Career Choices (1:16-20)

Unclean Spirits (1:23)

Sickness (1:29-2:12)

Leprosy (1:40-45)

CAPERNAUM: My Aha Surprise...

Jesus proclaimed a BIG GOSPEL for Little Places and

Forgotten People.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Prioritize Your Life

2. Drop Your Nets and Follow Christ
3. Submit to His Authority in Your Life

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the most urgent/important priority in your life?
2. When was the last time you repented? Of what?
3. What issue/crisis do you need to give up control of?
4. What does following Christ look like for you at work, school, play and home?