



The Gospel of Mark

September 10, 2023

Mark 1:1-39

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

1. Mark 1:1 Begins with the good news about Jesus the Messiah. What would you say to a friend that asks you today: what is the Gospel? What Bible references would you use?
2. In Mark 1:2 we read "As it is written in Isaiah the prophet". Why is it important for Mark to reference the Old Testament in relationship with John the Baptist?
3. In Mark 1:4 we find the message John the Baptist preached in the wilderness; a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Why is it important for Mark to link the message of John the Baptist with the message of Jesus in verses 14 and 15?
4. Read Acts 15:37-41. What do we learn from this disagreement between Paul and Barnabas?
5. Why does Paul think it is not a good idea to take Mark with them on their journey?
6. What can we learn from the way this conflict was handled? Are you surprised by the fact that conflict and disagreement are present in ministry? Explain your answer.
7. In 2 Timothy 4:11 we read that Mark was restored and Paul invited him back to continue to work with him by saying "He is helpful to me." Can you share an experience or a time in your life where you doubted if God was going to continue to use you?
8. What are you hoping to get out of this teaching series in Mark? Why?
9. **Challenge: Memorize Mark 1:15** 15 "'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'"