



Mark: Following Jesus Immediately (weeks 1&2)

Introduction: The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the Gospels. It moves rapidly through the ministry of Jesus with a sense of urgency. The reason for the urgency might be that if what Mark is sharing about who Jesus is, is true, then we need not waste any time in following Him. What if we became more urgent in our obedience to our King?

Discussion Questions

1. The Gospel of Mark can be said to have 2 main emphases, Christology and Discipleship. Christology is how we answer the question of “Who is Jesus?” Discipleship is what the answer to the first question means for his followers. How do you answer the question of “Who is Jesus?” and how does that affect your daily life?
2. Read **Mark 1:1-8** What does the very first verse say about who Mark says Jesus is? What is Mark connecting John the Baptist to and why does that matter?
3. Read **Mark 1:9-13** Why do you think Jesus was baptized? Mark also doesn’t share much about the temptation of Jesus. What can we take away from him sharing that the Holy Spirit was upon Jesus and He was led to the wilderness where He was tempted?
4. Read **Mark 1:14-20** Why do you think these 2 sets of brothers would leave their work and follow Jesus? What does Jesus calling them demonstrate about who He calls to follow Him? What qualified these fishermen to be Jesus’ disciples?
5. What was the “Good News” that Jesus was preaching? What did He mean that the Kingdom of God was near?
6. What does it mean to be a “fisher of men?” What responsibility do Jesus’ followers today have to fulfill that same mission?
7. What are some things you may be called to leave behind to follow Jesus? How can you do those things immediately?

Shaping Your Mind – *“follow me and I will make you fisher’s of men...Mark 1:17*

Moving Forward – When Jesus calls, get out of the boat!