

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Words, Works + Ways - Part 1

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Introduction

Over the next eight weeks we will be journeying through the first eight chapters of the Gospel of Mark, looking at the 'words, works and ways' of Jesus. The words of Jesus are rendered in red letters in some editions of the Gospels; the works of Jesus are the many miracles, teachings and interactions with people that Jesus had in his time on earth; the ways of Jesus are the principles and patterns that Jesus lived out and which He calls His disciples to imitate and follow.

Bible Passage

Mark 1:1-11

Discussion

1. Jesus' identity was secure. We are called to have our identity in Jesus. What does this mean to you? What might this look like?
2. Where else may we seek to find our identity if not in Jesus?
3. Jesus was led and empowered by the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:10-12). What do we need to do to follow this example?
4. Jesus intentionally and actively engaged with the brokenness around him. How can we also do this? What might this look like for you personally?
5. What are some of the patterns and practices of Jesus that we can imitate?
6. How might we know whether we are following the ways of Jesus or living our lives our own way? What might need to change for you?
7. Jesus' core strategy centred around making disciples. What does this mean for the way you live?

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Respond

Over the next eight weeks we encourage you to read through the first eight chapters of the Gospel of Mark individually and as a group.

Begin by reading and re-reading chapter 1 of Mark this week. Go through it slowly numerous times and ask these two questions: What is God saying to me? What am I going to do about that?

As a Life Group, commit to do this and to keep each other accountable for this during the week.

Reading Plan:

Part 1 – Read Mark 1 (several times)