

Jesus the King- week 1

October 15, 2017

Mark 1:1-15

Warming Up

1. If your group has chosen an OBF missionary to pray for, introduce them to the group by sharing a little of the profile the missions team prepared. If your group does not have a missionary yet, chat with Brian Woodruff or Derek Whalen.
2. Ask your group what they know about the book of Mark. About Mark himself? You may want to provide some fun quiz questions about each. Or true or false questions.

Knowing the Gospel...

3. If baptism is a sign of true repentance for sin and a new life, and Jesus did NOT need forgiveness or “new life”, why do you think Jesus was baptized? Discuss the reasons his baptism was significant. Consider what God said at his baptism. Consider what happened right after his baptism. Consider Jesus’ full humanity along with his full deity. Consider who baptized him. (2 Cor. 5:21, John 1:32-34, Rom. 5:12-21, Luke 1:5, John 1:29)
4. Follow the Spirit’s ministry to Jesus throughout his life by checking out these verses. (Matthew 1:18-20, Luke 3:22, Luke 4:1, Mark 1:12, Luke 4:14, Luke 4:16-21, Matt. 12:18, Matt. 12:28, Luke 10:21, Acts 1:1-2, John 1:32, Hebrews 9:14). In what ways did the Spirit minister to Jesus? What action words describe his work in Jesus’ life? Why do you think it might be significant that the Bible tells us so much about the Spirit’s work in Jesus’ life? What can we learn about the Trinity through this?
5. In Mark 1:15 Jesus seems to say that his kingdom has already come. Check out these verses and discuss how the Kingdom of God might be here “already” but “not yet”. (Heb. 2:8-9, John 18:36, 1 John 3:2, Romans 8:30, Eph. 2:6, Matt. 16:18)

Living the Gospel...

6. Discuss the different ways the Spirit ministers to believers today. How have you experienced these different works of the Spirit in your life? (Gal. 5:22-26, John 14:16, Rom. 8:9, 1 Cor. 6:19-20, 1 Cor. 12:13, John 16:13, John 15:26, 1 Cor. 12). Why do you think the Bible tells us so much about the Spirit's role in our lives as Christians?

7. Read Matt. 4:1-11. This is Matthew's account of the temptation of Jesus. Why do you think it is significant that Jesus was tempted in these ways? What can we learn from how Jesus dealt with Satan and temptation? Why do you think this was recorded right after Jesus' baptism? Why do you think this happened right before Jesus' public ministry began?

8. As a group, come up with the best summary of the gospel message as you can. Use Scripture to fill it out. What are the key elements? Consider these terms (redemption, separation, holy, sin, condemnation, reconciliation, death, life, Jesus, blood, cross, debt, penalty, God, faith, trust, repentance, individual, creation, resurrection, wrath, forgiveness, eternity, relationship, need, Savior... any others?)

For college students:

- Have you ever been baptized? If so, describe your experience. If not, why not? What types of things hold you back?
- Might want to divide into guys/girls for this one! In regards to question #7 above, what temptations to sin seem to be the most prevalent for you as a student? What are some specific ways you can protect yourself? How can community help? Look up James 1:13-15. Has this ever happened to you (vv. 14-15?). How can you protect yourself from this cycle?
- What are some good passages of Scripture to memorize for when you are facing temptation?

Telling the Gospel...

10. What arguments have you heard from unbelievers against the Deity of Jesus? How can you 'unarm' those arguments according to the Bible? Common sense?

11. Spend some time praying for people in your lives who don't yet know Christ.