

Jesus the King- week 2

October 22, 2017

Mark 1:16-34

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. Share of a time when you had to submit to an authority in your life and it was hard. What made it hard to do that? Share of a time when you had to submit to an authority in your life and it was easy. What made it easy? Share a time when you followed someone or a group, or a cause and didn't know much about them. How did that turn out?

Knowing the Gospel...

3. Why do you think the disciples responded so completely and immediately to Jesus' call to follow him? Discuss what changes in their lives must have had to take place for them to follow Jesus like that.
4. Why do you think Jesus commanded the demons to not tell anyone who he was, even though they were correct in what they said about Jesus? (See also Acts 16:16-18). Why wouldn't he want them to be the ones to tell people who he was?
5. Read Mark 1:29-34. Why do you think so many people came to see Jesus? Do you think their faith was genuine? Do you think it was Jesus' message in 1:15 that drew the crowds? (see also Jn. 6:1-14, 25-26) Something else?

Living the Gospel...

6. The demon possessed man in Mark 1:23-27 was freed from his demonic oppression. Discuss with your group how you have experienced the grace and power of God in your life to be set free from sin(s). (Gal. 5:1, Acts 13:38-39, Rom. 6:22, Luke 4:18, Rom. 8:1-4, Is. 61:1).

7. Share with the group how your life changed when you first began to follow Christ. Did any priorities or allegiances change? How has following Jesus made a difference in your life's direction, passions, activities etc.? How has following Jesus made you different from those around you who don't follow Him?

8. In what areas of your life might you struggle with allowing Jesus to be king? (finances, relationships, hobbies, goals, work, use of time?). Why do you struggle to let him rule in these areas? What specifically can you do to yield to him in these areas?

For college students:

- Has following Jesus made you stand out from others in your dorm, classrooms, on campus? If so, how? If not, why do you think that is?

- In what areas of your life might you struggle with allowing Jesus to rule? (relationships, use of time, classwork, dorm life, social life?) Why do you struggle to let him rule in these areas? What can you do to let him rule in these areas?

- We all have responsibility to different authorities in our lives. Who or what represents the authority in your life that is hardest to follow? Why is this? What about Jesus' authority: challenges you, scares you, is hard to trust, comforts you, makes it hard to follow, makes it easy to follow?

Telling the Gospel...

10. Do you think it is ever ok so appeal to people to trust Jesus because he can solve their personal problems? If so, provide Scriptural support. If not, why not? Provide Scriptural support.

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