

Notes

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Mark 1:1-8 January 14, 2018
Sermon Series: Mark: Discipleship in the Real World

The Big Question: Do you welcome the Holy Spirit?

1. Stand out from the crowd.

2. Stand up and do what God has called you to do.

3. Stand aside for the Holy Spirit to work.

4. Stand in awe of God's wisdom and power.

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: January 21, 2018

Mark 1:1-8

1. I like being in control, and I'm not alone. Most people want to be in control of their own lives. Surrendering control can be a scary thing. What are some things that scare you about surrendering completely to the control of the Holy Spirit?
2. Mark gives very little description of John the Baptist and no background information. Why might Mark have been so sparse in his description? What was the purpose of John's ministry?
3. Based on some historical writings, we learn that John the Baptist had a significant ministry in the first century. What are some reasons that John was so willing to sacrifice his own ministry for the sake of Jesus' ministry?
4. Because it can be scary to completely sell out to Jesus, we often focus on what we might lose if the Holy Spirit takes control of our lives. Look at it differently. What might you miss out on if you do not surrender completely to the Holy Spirit?
5. Read John 16:8-15. What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit was going to do? How have you seen the Spirit work in the ways that Jesus mentioned?
6. Part of honoring the work of the Spirit in your life is using the gifts he has given you to build up the church. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. What are some of the gifts that the Spirit gives and how do they build up God's church?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Mark 1:8. Discuss how your family might change if you were completely sold out to the Holy Spirit.