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Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Mark 1 – Jan. 30, 2021

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KNOW:

- Did you make any New Year's resolutions for 2022? What are they? If you did not make resolutions, why not?
- Who is the most interesting or eccentric person you have ever met? It could be a friend, acquaintance, or stranger you met in public somewhere. What were they like?
- What was the most memorable/challenging trip you have ever taken? Do you think of this memory differently now than you did during the trip?
- John baptizes Jesus in this passage. Have you ever witnessed a similar situation where someone with power and authority (*Jesus*) comes under another considered under them (*John the Baptist*)?
- What is your experience with baptism? Have you been baptized? What was that experience like for you? What did you understand it meant?



GROW:

- What does verse one tell you about Jesus' identity? What do the terms "gospel" and "Christ" tell us about Jesus and Mark's Gospel?
- What did you learn about John in this first chapter? How is his life in the desert different from his upbringing in his father Zechariah's home, who was a Jewish priest?
- What would people think of John today if he were to walk into a restaurant or another public place?
- Why were people being baptized by John in the desert?
- Jesus was humble while having all power and authority. Where do you see Jesus' humility in this passage?
- According to verses 4-5, what was the focus of John's ministry?
- Why did the sinless Jesus get baptized?
- How might John the Baptist feel baptizing Jesus, who is both his distant cousin and the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world' (John 1:29)?



SHOW:

- How have you shown or shared the Gospel with those you have come into contact in the last month?
- What is the most remarkable thing you learned about Jesus in this chapter?
- What does this chapter inspire you to do to be more like Jesus?
- **Did you know** there are around 5,000 to 6,000 international students in Arkansas each year? Over 75% of them will never enter an American home. The vast majority never hear the Gospel from American Christians, and over 50% of all international students in Arkansas come from unreached countries with the Gospel. International Friendship Outreach (IFO) is a wonderful opportunity to meet, befriend, and share the Gospel with international students. For more info about IFO and how you can serve, visit <http://ifoarkansas.org>, or contact Missions at missions@fellowshipar.com.

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Sermon Discussion Curriculum Mark 2:1-12 – Feb. 6, 2022

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KNOW:

- Who are some of your best friends? What are you willing to do for your good friends? Why?
- Who in this story do you currently relate to the most: the crowd, the paralytic, the four friends, or the teachers of the law, the homeowner (with a broken roof)? Why?
- On a scale of 1-10, how would you describe your overall health (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual)? What factors are influencing this?
- What is an area of your life where you feel paralyzed and need Jesus to intervene?
- Do you believe in miracles? Have you ever witnessed a miracle?
- What is one thing you remember from our discussion last week? Why did that stick with you?



GROW:

- Read Mark 2:1-2. Imagine hearing a great person with the power to heal. Imagine carrying a friend to see him the house being packed. Describe what you would do; would you turn around and leave or would you press on?
- Pay special attention to the different people involved in the Mark 2:1-12 story: Jesus, the crowd, the paralytic, his friends, the scribes. What do we learn about Jesus? What do we learn about the other people in the story?
- The friends chose to push forward. Read Mark 2:3-5. What does it mean when Mark writes that: “Jesus saw their faith?” Look at Romans 10:17 and talk about how to get faith.
- Mark writes that the Pharisee’s were thinking things about Jesus (Mark 2:6-7). Jesus responds to their internal questions. This is a Theological term known as the Omniscience of God. Read Psalm 139:1-6 and 147:5 to learn more about this.
- Why is it significant that Jesus first responded by forgiving the sins of the paralytic? Why did some of the scribes take issue with this? Why is it significant that He also physically healed the paralytic?
- What is easier to say, “your sins are forgiven” or “get up and walk.” How so?
- Jesus offers the complete forgiveness of sins to this man. This was only something that a Levitical Priest can offer. Read Hebrews 4:14-16 to see how Jesus is the High Priest and able to offer this. Jesus is also the Son of God and can offer this (Mark 1:1)
- At the end of the account, we read that all the people were amazed. Do you think the religious leaders were amazed or bitter at Jesus? Why couldn't they rejoice?



SHOW:

- What are some creative ways you can team up with other Christians to help bring our lost or hurting friends to Jesus?
- Jesus talks about his ability to forgive sins. Do you think non-Christians sense the need to be forgiven for their sins? Why or why not?
- Who in your life needs to be introduced to Jesus? What’s your next step with this person (or people) to intentionally model Christlikeness or share how Christ has transformed you.
- We learn from this passage our responsibility to bring people to Jesus. Spend time this week praying for opportunities to share Christ with the lost around you. Pray for each other to have the faith to show and share the gospel of Jesus with your friends.



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- What was the hardest class you ever took? What made it difficult?
- Have you ever watched a movie and didn't 'get it', and later have someone explain it to you?
- What was your favorite children's book (either as a kid or as an adult)? Why?
- When have you explained something to someone else using a story? Why did you tell that specific story?
- What is one thing you remember from our discussion last week? Why did that stick with you?



GROW:

- Why do you think Jesus taught in parables? What was Jesus' purpose in teaching the crowds in parables?
- How is telling a story different than explaining a truth directly? Are there any advantages to telling a story as opposed to a direct explanation?
- Read Mark 4:3-9. What in this parable is surprising? Interesting? Confusing?
- Do you identify with the different types of ground or soil? Think about times when you might have been like each of the 'soils'.
- Read Mark 4:10-12. Who is Jesus willing to reveal the "secret of the kingdom of God"? Why is the kingdom of God a secret to some?
- Read Mark 4: 13-20. If you hadn't read Jesus' explanation of the Parable of the Sower, would you have been able to come up with these four explanations on your own?
- How would you explain this parable in your own words?
- According to Jesus, why does God's Word sometimes: (a) not take root at all (v.15)? (b) take root but wither (vv.16-17)? (c) take root but get choked off (vv.18-19)? (d) take root and produce a harvest (v.20)?



SHOW:

- The fruitful heart of v.20 receives the word and produces the fruit of righteousness in exponential ways. Describe ways you have seen in seed of God's word grow in your life and in the lives of one another.
- Read mark 4:26-29. One purpose of these Kingdom Parables is to spur us on mission as we take the gospel to the world around us. Our role is to sow the seed of God's word and prayerfully trust God to give growth. How are you doing this?
- How does this parable encourage you to sow God's word?
- In what ways does this parable help you identify potential barriers to responding to God's word and growing in your faith in Him?
- Who in your life might be fertile ground to the Gospel? What circumstances or reasons would cause someone to be more open to the Gospel?
- Who do you need to pray for intentionally that they might be more receptive to the Good News?

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Mark 5:35-43 – Feb. 20, 2022

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KNOW:

- Early in Jesus's earthly ministry, he drew large crowds and quickly got the attention of people throughout the region of Galilee. Have you ever met a celebrity? Ever had an encounter with a famous person?
- How do you handle interruptions or when your day doesn't go as you planned?
- Have you or someone you know approached the Lord in prayer certain that He was the only one that could help? What was your experience like?
- Have you ever experienced a "medical miracle?" Can you tell a story of the time God chose to heal you or a loved one in an unexpected or surprising way?
- Has there been a time in your life when God blessed you even though you thought the odds were slim it could actually happen?
- Has God ever decided to provide for you in a way you were not expecting and perhaps didn't even realize he had until after he did?



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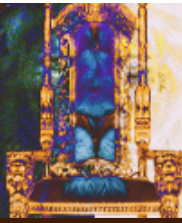
- Read verses 21-24. What do these verses show us about Jairus? What is significant about a ruler of the synagogue coming to Jesus for help? From a father's perspective? From a Jewish/cultural perspective?
- Review Mark 5:22-34. Jesus was on his way to see Jairus' daughter. How did Jesus respond to the lady? What can we learn about His character from this?
- The scriptures tell us in verse 22 that Jairus was a ruler in the synagogue. Coming to Jesus for help, no doubt, would have cost Jairus's political and social standing as well as likely losing friends. Ultimately, when desperate, he came. What keeps you from coming to Jesus in your time of need?
- Early in the story, Jairus had faith Jesus could heal his daughter. Experiences happen in our life (like Jesus stopping to heal the woman) which cause us to doubt Jesus cares for us or may have forgotten about us. Have you had this experience? How do we know Jesus *does* care for us and has *not* forgotten about us?
- Obviously, Jesus's perspective on death was different than that of Jairus, his friends, and the weeping and wailing by tradition. Jesus knew there is hope in the power of God's word. Describe the hope you have as a Christ-follower in the face of bad news or death.
- How might Jairus have felt while all of this was going on with the woman Jesus healed?
- We learn in verse 25 that physicians not help her. How do you understand the dynamic between the role of physicians (man's medical treatment) and our faith in God and His will?
- Why did Jesus ask who touched Him? Did He not know the answer? What was the result of this question? For the woman? For the crowd? For the disciples?



SHOW:

- How has God used disease and death in your life to strengthen your faith in Him?
- Are you walking through a trial right now where God seems to be delaying coming and help you? How can you respond in a biblical and Christ-glorifying kind of way?
- How does what you've learned about Jesus from this passage strengthen your faith in Him, and bring you comfort and encouragement?
- Once we repent and believe in Jesus, we are given new hearts and with that comes new life, and new perspective. What impact does our new perspective have on the way we consider what others think of us?
- After studying this story, how might the life and miracles of Jesus influence how you interact with someone who is doubting their faith or a non-Christian who doubts Jesus entirely?
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KNOW:

- If someone told you that it is impossible for a man to walk on water, how would you respond?
- What is the scariest thing you have had to do following Jesus?
- How have your personal storms served to reveal the glory of God to others? To yourself?
- What miracles of God have occurred in your life (salvation!) that you fail to understand?
- Have you ever felt that you were doing the will of God obediently, but you still ended up with trouble and difficulty? How did you feel during the trouble? How did it turn out in the end?

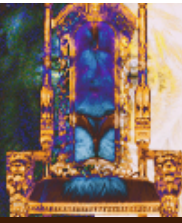
GROW:

- Read Mark 6:45-46. Why did Jesus retreat to pray?
- Why would Jesus send His disciples out into a storm?
- What did Jesus "see" in v.48 - How does this knowledge encourage you?
- How would you have reacted to seeing Jesus walk across the water?
- Did Jesus go help them immediately? How long did he wait (until the 4th watch, 3-6 AM)? Why do you think He waited so long to help them?
- Notice that the disciple's astonishment was tied to their ignorance concerning the miraculous feeding of the multitude. What did they not understand? What did the feeding point to?
- How does Jesus walking on water show that he is God and not just another holy man or prophet?
- The ultimate example of Jesus' willingness to enter our storm is his death on the cross. How does the truth of Jesus' death for you as your Savior allow you to trust him in your storm today?
- Jesus revealed his glory to the disciples in the midst of the storm as he waked by on top of the water. How has Jesus revealed the glory of God to you amid your storm?

SHOW:

- What storm are you sailing through in your life this week?
- How does the cross of Christ give us the courage to face our storms each day? What does the cross prove about God's love and faithfulness for you personally?
- What did Jesus do when everyone had left? How is your prayer life? Are you faithful to pray to the Lord on your own or just at church?
- What is an area of your life where Jesus is calling you to greater levels of trust in Him? What is your next step to follow Him in obedience and trust?
- Who in your life can you encourage to trust God? What are some specific ways you can encourage them?

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Mark 7:1-23 – Mar. 6, 2022

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KNOW:

- Take a few minutes to reconnect by having each person share a one sentence high and low from their week. What was a really good moment this week? What was a really hard or disappointing moment this week?
- What are some of your favorite traditions? (family traditions, sports traditions, church traditions, etc.) Why do we love traditions?
- Do you think about washing your hands before eating? Who or what has influenced you to think about washing your hands more?
- Have you ever said something that you didn't mean in your heart?
- What's the difference between the spirit of the law and the letter of the law? Share an example where someone might have followed the letter of the law but not the spirit of the law.

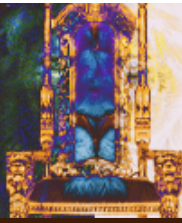
GROW:

- What is ceremonial washing? Why are the Pharisees so upset that Jesus's disciples were eating with unclean hands?
- How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees accusation that He is not following the tradition of the elders? What does His response tell us about how to truly worship?
- Read Mark 7:10-12. What example did Jesus give to prove his accusations against the Pharisees? What is *Corban* and how does it enter in to this example?
- How did Jesus place tradition in the proper perspective? (7:10-19) How did the Pharisees' use of 'unclean' differ from Jesus'?
- Look at Mark 7:14. He says, "Hear me, all of you, and understand..." What is the difference between simply hearing and actually understanding God's instruction?
- Read Mark 7:21-23. Considering this is the description of our hearts, why is the phrase "follow your heart" bad advice?
- Where should people look to for guidance instead of their hearts?

SHOW:

- The Pharisees were more concerned with tradition and outward righteousness than loving God and following Him. What are some ways that you've seen Christians (yourself included) care more about tradition or appearances rather than truly loving and following Jesus?
- What role does our D-group play in helping shape our worship and obedience to Jesus? How can we grow in this area?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What impact does Scripture have in our lives? Why should we look to God's Word for understanding and for fighting against those evil desires that come out of our heart?
- What traditions do we often place above God's Word?
- What are things that are defiling you in your life right now? Maybe one of the sins described in Mark 7:21-23 resonated with you. Share any sin struggles or obstacles in your life right now with your D-Group and pray for one another. Split the men into one room and women in another if you feel necessary.

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- What is the greatest band? What's the greatest movie? What's the greatest sports team?
- What are some common ways our culture defines 'greatness'? What does this tell us about what culture values.
- When you think of a great person, who do you think about? What are some of the characteristics and virtues you admire about this person?
- Have you ever met a famous person? Share about your encounter. How did you react? How were they different in person than you imagined?
- What are the characteristics of a great leader? What makes you want to follow that person?

GROW:

- Does it surprise you that the disciples soon after hearing about Jesus' impending death were arguing among themselves about who among them was the greatest? Why or why not?
- How does Jesus define greatness in this story? How did Jesus explain what it means to be great? (9:35) What does it mean to be a servant of all?
- Why should we understand Jesus' reference to children here to also be a reference to those who are His disciples? (see 9:41-42, 10:24, Matthew 10:42, 1 John 2:1)
- How does the way we treat those who are younger or weaker than us reveal how mature and strong we are in God's eyes? (Especially younger siblings)
- In verse 35 Jesus called his disciples to be the very last and a servants of all. In your life back at home what are some ways you might practice this? What is stopping you from living like this?
- Read verses 33-37. What is preventing the disciples from seeing the bigger picture of the mission of Jesus? How would you describe John's attitude in verse 38?
- The disciples argued about who was the greatest, and tried to prevent others from doing the works of Christ. Have you seen this kind of competition in your life?

SHOW:

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does this passage teach us about ourselves? What truth did you get from this week's message that needs to be applied in your life this week?
- Based on Jesus' teaching here, what do you understand Jesus' definition of greatness to be?
- Is it right to strive for this kind of greatness? How can we do so in a humble, God-honoring way?
- Do you know someone who is not famous or readily noticed but is great in God's eyes? What aspects of that person's life are worthy of your imitation?
- How can you become a "servant of all" in your everyday activities?
- When do you find it hardest to serve others? How does this passage motivate you?

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Mark 10:17-34 – Mar. 20, 2022

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- What's one of the hardest questions you've ever been asked?
- When did you (or if you have kids, when did they) start to ask and ponder the ultimate question about life?
- What was the first job you ever had and how much did you get paid per hour?
- Has there ever been a time in your life when you didn't understand the instructions? Maybe a funny outcome between you and your roommate or spouse?
- If there has been a time in your life when you didn't understand a concept, idea, or philosophy, how did you go about learning more? What is your favorite way to learn?
- When we think about people who are wealthy, money or possessions usually comes to mind. What other forms of wealth do people have that can hinder them from entering the kingdom of God?

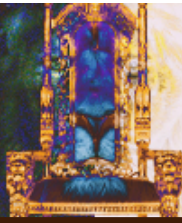
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- What does the man's answer tell us about his spiritual state? (10:20)
- What attitude did Jesus have toward the rich man? (10:21) Why could the man not obey Christ's instructions? (10:22)
- It is clear the rich young ruler had a man-centered view of the gospel, believing it is possible to earn salvation. If it were possible to earn salvation, what impact would this have on sin?
- What did Jesus mean when he said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (10:25)
- When the disciples were astonished and dismayed at Jesus' words, how did he encourage them? (Mark 10:26-27, Romans 2:11, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- What is the turning point for the rich young ruler here? What is he being invited to turn from? What is he being invited into? What does Jesus expect you to leave behind to follow him? (10:29)
- In return for following him, what does Jesus say you will receive? When does Jesus say you will receive these things? (10:29-30)
- In verses 31-32, why does Mark take time to highlight the fact that Jesus is leading the way on the road to Jerusalem? Why is it significant? Why would the disciples be both astonished and afraid to go to Jerusalem? (John 11:5-16)

SHOW:

- What are some things God has asked you to give up to follow him? Were you obedient to give them up? How has your life changed since that choice?
- What things from the sermon stood out to you that you can share with an unbelieving friend? What things from the sermon would you share with a believing friend?
- What "impossible" thing(s) would you like to see God do in your heart in the process of sanctification in the coming weeks and months? What struggles would you like to see God change in your life? (Pray about these things privately, if you do not feel comfortable sharing them with the whole group.)
- How can we prevent ourselves from allowing wealth or the desire for wealth to interfere with our Christianity?
- How do you interact with people who do not understand the gospel? Do you find it difficult to show love towards those who oppose the gospel, are slow to understand, or outright disagree? Why or why not?
- It has been said, "Own your possessions, don't let your possessions own you". What influence does material possessions have on you?

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- Think of a time when someone did something kind for you. It might be something big or small. How did that make you feel? How did that action affect your relationship with that person?
- Sometimes in our cultural Christianity, we can act in a way that is unloving toward others in the name of “loving God.” Can you think of an example of this in our culture today?
- Books and movies today often tell us that love is the supreme virtue. How do many of their definitions of love often seem to fall short of the Bible's emphasis?
- What was the most important command you had as a child growing up?
- What are your primary obligations in life right now?
- How do you respond to the changes going on in your life? How has Jesus created a new pattern for your: personal life, schooling, social life, marriage, or parenting?

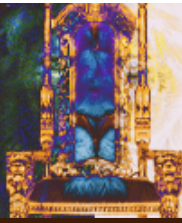
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- As humans, we tend to rank and classify things, including the rules we are going to obey, deciding which ones are important and which ones are more optional. Why do you think that Jesus answered them the way He did in Mark 12:29-31? How do you think this answer affects all the other commands found in scripture?
- This scribe who approaches Jesus is the last of a long line of religious leaders who have been confronting Jesus in chapters 11 and 12. What, however, seems to be unique about this scribe compared to past confrontations?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:5 and Mark 12:30. Why do you think Jesus added “mind” alongside the heart, soul, and strength/might? What role do our minds play in loving God?
- The scribe was “close” to the Kingdom of God because at least he could see that his good deeds could not save him. Why does our moral good deeds and religious rituals fall short of God’s command to love Him and to love others? Are there areas of your life where you are doing the right things but not actually loving God and others?
- As we think about the concept of love, what should be our motivation and our goal for loving others? Look at 1 John 4:7-11 and Romans 5:8 for help.
- Why does Jesus say that loving God is the first command, then loving others is the second? What is the significance of this order?
- Jesus encouraged us to love God with our entire being. Some people can love God more intellectually while others are more emotionally driven. What way is it easiest for you to love God? What area do you want to grow in?

SHOW:

- Practically speaking, what do you think it means to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31)? Give some specific examples of what this might look like in your daily relationships. After your group shares, choose one idea you heard that you could act on this week. Write it down and come back next week to share that experience with your group.
- Think of someone in your life who is difficult to love. How do you think that loving and knowing God more could help you love that person more? Ask God to grow your love for Him to grow your love for that person. If it is appropriate, share that person’s first name with your group and commit as a group to begin praying for each other and these specific people – that God would use you to show His love to that person in a powerful way!
- Identify someone in your life that you can better love this week. How will you better love this neighbor as yourself this week?
- Think of a way you can grow in your love for God this week. Share those ideas with your D-Group (Bible reading, prayer, etc.)

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Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Mark 13:1-13; 32-37 – April. 3, 2022

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KNOW:

- What are some stories and movies about a king returning?
- How patient are you in life? What are examples of things you are more patient dealing with? Less patient?
- Can you remember hearing predictions of the end of the world? What did you think about those predictions?
- What thoughts and feelings arise in you when you think about the end times and the return of Jesus? Excitement, impatience, fear, dread, anxiety, etc.?
- As believers, we must live in the tension of “what is and what is to come” – in other words, what God has *already* done and what He *will* do after Jesus's return. How do we do this well, living in the confidence of what He has done but also waiting patiently, knowing that He has not yet fulfilled all that is to come?

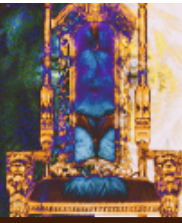
GROW:

- Why do you think Jesus used the discussion about the temple to begin his discourse about the end of the age? What made the temple so significant for the disciples? What would its destruction symbolize for them?
- As believers, what should we be expecting, doing, and feeling as the return of Christ draws closer? (Mark 13:5-13, John 16:33,
- What two questions do the disciples ask? (13:4) What might deceive them into thinking the end times had come? (13:5-8) Of what will these events be a sign?
- After that, what things will happen to the disciples and early church? (13:9-13)
- Based on what Jesus told his disciples, what comfort and provision will God help you to endure trials? (13:11)
- Read 1 Peter 4:12-14 and James 1:2-4. Why should we rejoice during suffering?
- What does Jesus say to keep us from becoming anxious about these things? (7, 10, 11, 13)
- What do you think is the main point Jesus wants His disciples to get by sharing these signs?

SHOW:

- Sometimes as Christians, we get caught up in all that is going wrong in the world. How can you speak God's hope this week into your own heart or into the life of someone in your sphere who might be struggling?
- How can we stay engaged in making disciples and keep ourselves from an evacuation theology that sees life primarily about leaving behind the problems of this fallen world?
- How does the hope of Christ's return give us the faith to live during challenges and uncertainty?
- Someone said, "God did not give us the book of Revelation so we'd build bomb shelters in the backyard. He gave us this book so we'd build bigger dinner tables and invite our friends over and tell them about Jesus." How does this anonymous quote challenge or convict you, and what is one specific action you could take this week?
- Pray for one another – that God will help you be ready for Christ's return by keeping you fervent, prayerful, and diligent as you seek to follow Christ in the weeks ahead. Give thanks that Jesus loves us enough to prepare us for his return.

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Mark 14:32-50 – April 10, 2022

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KNOW:

- What are your plans to celebrate Easter this year? Do you have any meaningful traditions that help you remember and respond to God for all He has done through Jesus?
- What are you most frequently anxious about, or what are you most anxious about right now?
- What do you do when you are incredibly stressed out?
- Have you ever had a friend let you down when you really needed their support? What did you feel in that moment? How did you work through the disappointment?
- Do you enjoy spending time in nature? If so, do you have a place outside that is special to you? Describe where you can go to be alone with God?
- Have you ever known someone who was betrayed, misrepresented, or treated unjustly? Describe how that made you feel. How did they feel?
- What's it like to have a friend let you down when you really need support? Have you ever had a friendship go sour? Why did it?
- What would you do if you found out you would die in 24 hours?

GROW:

- Read Mark 14:32-42. So far, Mark has demonstrated that Jesus is the Son of God (Mk 1:1, 11; 9:7). What evidence is there at Gethsemane that Jesus is also fully human? Read Hebrews 2:14-18
- In the parallel gospel of Luke, chapter 22 verse 44 uses the Greek word *agonia* (which means a contest, wrestling) to describe Jesus during prayer. It is the only place in the New Testament where that word is used. What does this teach us about Jesus? God the Father?
- In The Garden, Jesus "...fixed his gaze on the One on whom his selfhood depends." What does Jesus' experience in The Garden teach us about dependency on God?
- Read verses 34 and 36. We see Jesus being very honest with his disciples and, more importantly, with God. What can we learn about how we are to pray to God?
- Do you ever respond to suffering in the same way as Peter (i.e. with stoic defiance)? How does Jesus present a better model to follow?
- Mark 14:49 recounts Jesus saying, "let the Scriptures be fulfilled." Read Isaiah 53:7-12. How do we see the beginning of this Scripture being fulfilled in what Jesus is experiencing in this passage Mark 14?
- Why did Jesus' disciples desert him? (14:50) What had these disciples said just hours earlier? (Matthew 26:35) What would you have done?
- In Luke 22, verse 29 shows us Jesus going to the Mount of Olives to pray "...as was his custom." What is the rhythm of prayer in your life?

SHOW:

- What can we learn from the way Jesus responded to the crowd who had come to arrest him? What do we learn about Jesus? How can we apply what we learn to our own lives?
- This passage records the night Jesus was betrayed, arguably the worst experience of his human life. Describe how he models the way in which we should live in the face of bad experiences. How does he react? What does he do?
- When are you most tempted to compromise your commitment to Christ?
- As we approach Easter Sunday, spend a few minutes reflecting on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. When did you first hear the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection? How has this truth changed your life?
- Spend time praying together, thanking God for the gift of eternal life in Jesus, and asking Him to show you opportunities to share the good news of Jesus during this season of Easter celebration.
- What can you do now to prepare for times when your dedication to Christ is tested at work, at home, or around others?

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Mark 16:1-16 – April 17, 2022

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KNOW: *(Questions for Building Relationships in your group)*

- What does Easter mean to you in one word? Why?
- What is one of your favorite things about Easter?
- How have your traditions and celebrating Easter changed since you were a child? After becoming a believer?
- Do you think it is easy for people to trust today? Why or why not? Is it easy for you personally to trust others?
- Has there been a time in your life where you told the truth about something, but nobody believed you? How did you feel and respond?
- Have you ever been majorly surprised by something? Share with your D-Group about a time when you were surprised by someone or something.

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GROW: *(Questions for Growing Spiritually and understanding the Scripture)*

- Jesus had predicted His own resurrection (Matthew 16:21; Matthew 27:62-64), yet the women were still approaching the tomb as though He would be in it. Are there any promises God has made to you in which you lack confidence or faith? Are there any areas of your life that reflect unbelief in what God has said He will do?
- What does it look like for you to love Jesus and to worship Him despite your unbelief, despite your uncertainty? What does it look like for you to continue “showing up,” even when you are disappointed that things haven’t turned out the way you hoped?
- Towards the end of Jesus’ ministry, what were the disciples expecting of Him? When Jesus was crucified, what were they probably thinking? (Luke 24:19-24)
- How did the disciples respond every time someone told them that Jesus had risen from the grave? How had they responded earlier when he told them he was going to die (Mark 8:31-33)?
- In conjunction with the Gospel passages, 1 Corinthians 15 is a definitive text on the resurrection. What other passages/scripture clearly point to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ?
- What do you think it felt like for these women that approached the tomb after hearing Christ had risen? How do you think you would have felt in that moment?
- How does knowing the Gospel – that Christ paid for our sins on a cross and defeated death through His resurrection – transform your life? (Note: if you have members in your group that are unbelievers, consider walking through Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10, 13 with them.)



SHOW: *(Questions for Living on Mission)*

- Read Colossians 3:1-4. Meditate on how you have been raised with Christ. Spend some time thanking Him for the truth of the Gospel. Ask Him what earthly things might be pushing out the “things above” we’re called to set our minds upon. Dwell on that truth and then spend time praying together as a group to close your time
- Before returning to heaven Jesus instructs us to share our faith (read Mark 16:15-19 and Matthew 28:18-20). How can you share your faith this week?
- How does your life (internally and externally) give testimony to the resurrection of Christ?
- How do you personally respond to the risen Lord and King of the universe?
- Read Hebrews 12:1-2 with your D-Group. How does Christ's death and resurrection give you endurance to “run the race” before you, as Hebrews 1 mentions? What weight and/or sin do you need to lay aside to better run the race before you?

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 with your D-Group. How does Christ's victory enable you to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord? Pray with one another, that you will remember your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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KNOW: *(Questions for Building Relationships in your group)*

- What was your favorite part of this Easter weekend and why?
- Now that the celebration of Easter is over, how are you continuing to reflect on the resurrection of Christ?
- Why do people give alternate explanations for the resurrection of Jesus? How is the resurrection significant and distinct to the Christian faith?
- In the next month, many of us will be transitioning into summer schedules. What are you looking forward to during summer? What are you celebrating that God has done over the last 3-4 months?
- How can we as a group be intentional to stay connected through the summer months?

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- Why do you think the disciples still did not believe after Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and two disciples? Why do we still question and not believe His promises?
- What were the expectations of the disciples for Jesus' life and ministry? What might the disciples be thinking the days after Jesus died?
- In verse 14, Jesus rebukes his disciples. What does Jesus command them to do in verse 15? Why does Jesus rebuke his disciples before giving them his command?
- "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (vs16). How does the Gospel change our lives and how we view others?
- What implications does Jesus' resurrection have? What meaning does it have?
- Scripture tells us about how Jesus connected with the disciples after His resurrection (Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-49, and John 20:19-23). Share about how your faith has grown because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- What evidence for the resurrection is the most convincing to you? Why? How does the martyrdom of 10 of the 12 disciples show evidence of the resurrection?



SHOW: *(Questions for Living on Mission)*

- How does knowing Jesus "was taken up to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God" encourage us (vs19)?
- In verses 15-19, Jesus tells them, and us, to "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel." How are you actively sharing your faith? (read Matthew 28:18-20)
- How does the resurrection of Christ carry weight to in your life and your story of following Jesus?
- Who is someone in your life that doesn't know Jesus, who is spiritually dead? How does the resurrection give that person hope? How does (or could) the resurrection affect how you engage with them?
- With summer around the corner and schedules potentially changing, how can you be intentional in your discipleship during this new season?