

# Mark Homework

## Background of John Mark and Chapter 1:2-11

- Pray before you begin - Ask the Holy Spirit to give you spiritual wisdom and knowledge of what He wants to speak to you through this lesson! (Psalm 119:12)
- Listen to what the Lord says, hang on to all of His words- sit at His feet and tell Him you want all of Him, to know Him more and to understand His truths more and more!
- Copy and paste Mark 1 into a word document, and space out the verses (so you can write on the paper) and print it out (if you did not do this last week)
- You will need a separate journal and colored pencils for labeling key words and a three ring binder (if you don't already have one) to put all of your homework and notes for Mark
- Always ask the who, what, when, where, why, and how of every bit of context you read! (I will walk you through this)
- ONLY use the commentaries for historical, geographical and cultural questions- focus on listening to what the Spirit teaches you through the Word!!

- Your study time will be challenged by the enemy, he does not want you to know, experience, apply and live the truth of God's Word! He is the father of lies and he will distract in any way he can to get you to not study for yourself because he knows the truth will set you free! Persevere and don't stop!! (1 John 5:4-5)

## Day 1

- Read Chapter 1: 1-11
- Mark all references to God (distinguish between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit)
- Mark all references to John
- Mark all references to the audience
- Mark all key or repeated words
- Mark all references to sin (I usually put a line through it)
- Mark all references to time
- What do you learn about God so far in this chapter?

- Come up with a chapter theme for what you think this section is about?

## Day 2

- Read Mark 1:1-11
- What was the foundation that we laid a couple weeks ago regarding verse 1?
- Look at verse 2, how cool is it that Mark references the very prophet we know sooo well!!?? I just love how awesome our God is!! Anyway, who does Isaiah prophecy about?
- You see a “Behold” what does that mean? Why is that important to mark?
- Who is speaking here? Who is “I” an who is the “messenger” and who is “you”?
- In you Blue Letter Bible app (if you need help with this - let me know) look up: “messenger”, “ahead”, “prepare”, and “way” - record what you find and how this helps you to understand what John was called to do!
- We talked about in class how this is so similar for us spiritually! How can you make ready your heart for the Lord today? What needs to be demoed? What needs to be uprooted and what what foundation do you need to solidify? Spend some time here really asking the Lord to show you how you can do this!!

- Look at verse 3, what does this messenger do?
- In your BLB app, look up “voice” and “crying” and record what you see!
- In class we discussed what characterizes a true disciple of Jesus Christ- these scriptures we are going over give us such a beautiful example of a true disciple and follower of Jesus Christ! The first thing we recorded on the heart of a disciple (taken from verse 3) is passionate for all to hear the truth of the gospel.
- Are you passionate for others to hear the truth of the gospel? Spend the remainder of today thinking about where you are at on this.....we can so often be focused on our daily routine and what needs to get done we lose sight of the fact that there are people we interact with every single day that do not know who Jesus is - does that stir in you a passion to share? Be honest, and if it does not, try and figure out why? Go back to the cross...the day of your salvation, go back to just being in the presence of your Heavenly Father- ask Him to help you get your awe back! Go back to being washed by the Word and the Holy Spirit and enjoy your time with Him!!

## Day 3

- Read Mark 1:1-11 again
- Look at verse 3 again....the second characteristic on the heart of a disciple is willing to be a voice ....reflect on what the Lord spoke to you and what He revealed from yesterday...now are you willing to be a voice? Write out your fears or your hesitations and give them to the Lord- and then as you step out in faith to speak- get ready!!! There is nothing like it!!! :)
- Look at verse 4, we see who is the messenger here...where does John go and what does John do?
- The heart of a true disciple #3 is to GO out into the wilderness (world) - John went where lost people were!! Think about your daily routines, where do you go? Who do you talk to that you know is not a follower? Make a commitment to pray before going to the store, the bank, work, salon etc asking God to open a door for you to share! And then be ready and willing to walk through that door cause He is gonna!!! (Yay!!!- then tell me your stories so I can rejoice with you lol)
- The heart of a true disciple #4 is proclaim truth of the gospel, confession...repentance and forgiveness ! Share your story! When God opens that door you are praying for- share truth with love!! Jesus is the only way to freedom!!
- Look at verse 5, what do you see? Look up “confessing” and record what you find! Do you agree with God about your sin?

- People want to know!!! I promise you that if you are hesitant about sharing the radical life change in your heart that you had when you met Jesus- they will not believe that YOU believe it!! The best way to love someone is to speak truth!!
- End today thinking about all the people who spoke truth to you that helped shape you into a follower of Jesus Christ- record that in your journal and how they were used by God-then praise God for loving you enough to send those people!! Then commit to being one of those people to someone else! Aren't you glad someone did that with you?!

## Day 4

- Read Mark 1:1-11 one more time! :)
- Look at verse 6, the fore runner of Jesus Christ is Totally the opposite of what the religious leaders would have expected- God raises someone who is outside of the dead religion- looking so opposite to their theological pride - The contrast is HUGE!! And don't you just LOVE it!!!!
- What were the Pharisees robed in? They missed the whole point! John had to be so radically different then the proclaiming religious leaders because Jesus was so radically different!!! We need to be so radically different!!!! We CAN NOT be a light into the world—looking just like the world!! How does this challenge you today? Where have you been hesitant or shy to open up? Shine bright my sweet sister in Christ let the whole world know the hope you have in Jesus! Their eternity depends on it!!!

- Heart of a disciple #5 is completely sold out for the sake of the call!! Does this describe you?
- What does verse 7 say about what John did? What does it say about who John was?
- Look up John 3: 23-30 and compare and contrast what you see here in Mark about John the Baptist!
- List the things you see about John's character and his purpose!
- How does that challenge you!! This soo challenges me and I get sooo excited about the perspective we need to live it- I need to live it! Spend some time here journaling what God is showing you here!!! About your heart and your desire!
- The heart of a disciple #6 is humility - knowing who I am NOT!! We are soo concerned about who we are- we need to be more concerned about who we are not!! And whose we are!! How has this challenged you today? What is the Lord speaking to you? Write it out
- The heart of a disciple #7 is more concerned about connecting people with God then connecting people with him (yourself or other people) This is HUGE!! Our flesh and society around us is ALL about connecting people with people - what soo beautiful is when we connect people with God- that fleshly desire is so full of God and what God is doing in another's life- you are too satisfied to try to seek that acceptance and validation from people!! Where do you struggle in this

area? Write out to the Lord what you battle is- and allow Him to be your source for security, protection, provision and IDENTITY!!! :)

## Day 5

- Begin today by reviewing the 7 characteristics of heart of a disciple ....notice how most do not involve “doing” or “achieving”— they involve a “becoming” they are heart issues- perspective issues - correcting the way we think and operate in our relationship with the and others!! How has this changed your weeks so far?
- Look at verse 8, what do you see?
- Write out the difference between water baptism and baptism of the Holy Spirit! Review what we talked about in class on both! Have you received both? If not please let me know and we can do that for you!
- The heart of a disciple #8 is obedience -are you obedient to the Lord no matter that call? If not, what fear holding you back? Do not go on until you have spent time with the Lord on this- give it to Him and allow Him to cleanse that fear in His presence!!
- Read verses 9-11 - record what you see in your own words and try to just imagine being John here! How stinking cool is this?!! We discussed in class why I believe John was entrusted with such a blessing- why do you think he was?



What do you see in John that God knew he would not try to claim glory or himself?

- How is the trinity represented here?
- The heart of a true disciple #9 brings BLESSING!!! What joy the Lord brings when you take part in what He is doing!! Enjoy it!!!!
- Finish by reading verse 11 again...what does God say? How does your position allow you to partake in the very pleasure of God? Rest in that write out a prayer of praise to your God for the unlimited and undeserved grace He poured out on you!!!!