

Discussion Questions Mark 1:1-39

- 1. The first verse of Mark tells us what Mark's purpose is for his gospel. What is that purpose? What does Mark want to show us?
- 2. What happened at Jesus' baptism (v 9-11)? How does this help Mark's argument?
- 3. What is the message that Jesus preached as He travelled around Galilee (v 14-15)? What does it mean? What is the Kingdom of God? How was it near? What does it mean to repent? And what is the good news/gospel?
- 4. Who were Jesus' first four disciples (v 16-20)? What do we know about them?
- 5. In what ways does Jesus show His authority in verses 21-34? How do these demonstrations of His authority help Mark's argument?
- 6. How do the demons react to Jesus? How does Jesus react to the demons? (v 23-26, 34)
- 7. How do the crowds react to Jesus? How do the disciples react to the crowds (v 36-37)? How does Jesus react to the crowds?
- 8. Why does Jesus react to the crowds and the demons in this way? What is Jesus looking for in people (v 15)? How is that different from what the crowds are doing? How does Jesus silencing the demons relate to that?
- 9. What does following Jesus mean for you and me? What does Jesus want from us?
- 10. How are you doing with being a "fisher of men"? Will you commit to sharing the gospel with someone this week? Who will you share the gospel with?