

Reading Marks Gospel

As you read/hear the Gospel...

1. What overall impressions do you get about Jesus? What stands out for you?
2. How do different people respond differently to Jesus?
3. What is the “plot” of Mark’s story? (ie. what happens?)
4. What do notice about how Mark tells his story (eg. structure, language, style, literary devices, details included/excluded)?
5. What ideas/issues/events are repeated or emphasized in other ways?
6. What questions do you have? What don’t you understand?

Marks Gospel – Discussion

Passage _____

Read the passage, and answer these questions...

1. What shines out in this passage? What immediately strikes you as being important?

2. What questions do you have about the passage? What is hard to understand, or something you'd like to know more about?

3. What are the main sections and subsections of the passage? How are they connected/linked? Are there any common themes?

4. What do we learn from this passage about...
 - a. Jesus' Identity? (Who is Jesus?)

 - b. Jesus' Mission? (Why did Jesus come?)

 - c. Jesus' Call? (What response does Jesus seek?)

5. What change in belief, attitude or behaviour do you need to make as a result of hearing God's voice in this passage?

Pray together based on what you have learned.

Marks Gospel – COMA Discussion

Passage _____

Read the Passage, and answer these questions...

1. Context

Where does this come in Mark's Gospel? What does it follow?

Are there any connections with what you've already read in Mark?

2. Observation

What are the different sections/subsections in this passage?

What words/ideas are repeated or emphasized in other ways?

What questions do you have?

Are there any surprises?

What is the main point or points?

3. Meaning

What do we learn here about Jesus?

What do we learn here about God?

What do we learn about following Jesus?

Sum up the meaning of the passage in your own words.

4. Application

How does this passage challenge your understanding?

Is there some attitude you need to change?

How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

Pray together based on what you have learned.

Think about what to pray for each other, for the church as a whole, and for the world.