

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FOR MARK

WARM UP

Share a time when either you were completely misunderstood, or you misunderstood someone. (In the gospel of Mark, we often find Jesus and His kingdom completely misunderstood.)

What stood out most from Sunday's sermon on the book of Mark?

EXPLORATION

1. In writing his gospel account, Mark uses language that emphasizes immediacy, urgency and action. Jesus is on a mission. For the first nine chapters you feel like it's a sprint. Then Mark spends the second half of His gospel on the final week of Jesus life on earth and the resurrection. Why is the book structured like this?
2. Read Mark 6:30-52 and 10:35-44. How is Jesus portrayed? How are the disciples portrayed?
3. Read Mark 8:34-39. How does Jesus define a true disciple?
4. Read Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, and 10:32-34? Why did Jesus have to keep repeating this message? How does Mark use this message to set up the events recorded in chapters 14-16? Why do the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus still create doubt and controversy?

APPLICATION

In what ways do you think Jesus is most misunderstood by your friends and family members? In Mark, Jesus often brings clarity about who He is through His actions. Is there a way that your actions toward them this week could demonstrate the truth of who Jesus is more clearly?