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Mark 1—8

Review

In preparation for the review discussion, read Mark 1—8. Look for information about Jesus' identity. Discover what he says, what he does, and what others say about him.

Each person in the group should choose one or two review questions for special study and lead the group in considering them during the discussion. In larger groups, two people may cover the same question.

1. Describe John the Baptist's ministry and its effects.

What is the core of his message?

How does he identify Jesus?

How does the Gospel of Mark connect John with the Old Testament prophecy of the Messiah?

2. What does Jesus teach in these chapters about:
 - who he is

 - his mission

 - his own destiny

3. What does Jesus teach about:
 - the kingdom of God

 - the Sabbath

 - the nature of defilement

 - being his disciple

4. What emotions does Jesus exhibit in dealing with individuals and groups?

What sorts of things does he do, and what do they indicate about his character? Give specific examples.

5. Describe Jesus' twelve disciples.

What do they see?

What do they learn?

Trace the progress of their faith in Jesus.

6. What positive and what negative reactions do individuals other than the disciples have toward Jesus?

How do you account for the varying attitudes of these people toward Jesus?

7. From the evidence presented up to this point in the Gospel of Mark, what conclusion have you reached about Jesus' identity and the source of his power and authority?