

A WINTER BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Tuesdays, 10:30 am to 12 noon – February 23rd – may 11th

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"The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1 NRSV)

Session 2: Tues., March 2nd Galilee: "The First Disciples" Mark 1:14-45

Group Study - 2:

Question 1) The Gospel of Mark begins with a message of urgency – *"the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."* How 'urgent' is your faith? Has Mark's sense of urgency faded over time, or does this message still resonate today?

Question 2) Our reading today has Jesus performing His first miracles and records how excited the people of Capernaum became: do you think that the world is too jaded to get excited in the same way again? How would you respond? What are your views on miracles? Do they happen?

Question 3) Mark 1:15 began our reading saying: *"the kingdom of God has come near."* What is your vision of the kingdom of God – of heaven? Can it happen here? What would it take to do that?

Next Week's Study:

Session 3: Tues., March 9th Galilee: "Healing & Teaching"

Mark 2:1-3:6