

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 3: Tues., March 9th Galilee: "Healing & Teaching" Mark 2:1-3:6

Group Study - 3:

Question 1) The 2nd Chapter of Mark begins with the story of Jesus healing a paralytic who was dropped down through a hole in the roof. When Jesus tells the man that his "sins are forgiven." **What do you think Jesus meant? And, If you were able to choose, would you rather be healed physically of a life-altering ailment or illness, or forgiven your sins? Why?**

Question 2) Our reading today challenges us to wrestle with who Jesus is – and who He is calling to follow Him. **From these stories, what is the focus of Jesus' ministry – compassion for people or theological correctness? Also, who benefits from what Jesus says? Who loses out?**

Question 3) Mark 2:14 says Jesus said to Levi *"Follow me." And he got up and followed him.* **Based on what you've read so far in Mark, how would you respond to Jesus' invitation/call? Why do you think may people choose not to follow Jesus?**

Next Week's Study:

Session 4: Tues., March 16th Galilee: "The Purpose of Parables"

Mark 3:7-4:34