

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 6: Tues., March 30th Galilee: "The Mission of the Twelve" Mark 6:1-29

Group Study - 6:

Question 1) In our reading we read of the people of Nazareth – Jesus' "hometown" – rejecting Jesus and His message: In fact, they thought what He was saying was scandalous; and they couldn't get over it. **If you were not a Christian, How would you respond? If you are willing, please share a time when you were rejected (maybe for your faith) – and how did it feel?**

Question 2) when Jesus gives the disciples their "mission," He also gave them the "authority over the unclean spirits," and a list of very particular instructions. **In many ways this echoes the commission Jesus had given to us: How are you doing on your "mission"? How has the fear of rejection played a part in your living out that mission?**

Question 3) Mark has made it clear in his Gospel that repentance is the requirement for salvation; no one can be saved unless they repent – turn away/back – from their sins. This was – and still is – a hard message to live out. **What does "repentance" mean to you? Have you ever repented for something – how did it feel? Did the promise of forgiveness make it easier to do?**

Next Week's Study:

Session 7: Tues., April 13th Galilee: "Of Miracles & Signs"

Mark 6:30-8:30