

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 8: Tues., April 20th Judea & Samaria: "Jesus Foretells His Death I, II & III"

Group Study - 8:

Question 1) Three times in our reading this week, Jesus predicts His own death: He does this to teach us a lesson about what it not only meant to be Him, but also what it means to follow Him. **In your faith journey, how have you 'denied yourself' or 'taken up your Cross'? If you feel comfortable in doing so, share with the group when you 'suffered' ('died') as a consequence of your faith.**

Question 2) After the Transfiguration, Jesus and the disciples return to Capernaum and is confronted by a frantic, desperate father who begs Jesus to heal his son by crying out, "I believe; help my unbelief." **Have you ever been desperate enough to beg Jesus and God for something? Be honest; Did you think anything would happen? Was your "cry," "plea," "prayer" answered? If it wasn't, did this affect your faith?**

Question 3) In chapter 10:43 Jesus – in another attempt to settle the on-going debate about discipleship and personal status, power, and rank – tells His disciples that *"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant."* He goes on to say that the *"Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."* **What words, images, or connotations come to mind when you read the word "servant"? What do you feel about being someone's 'servant'? In what way are you – or have you been – a 'servant' in your faith?**

Next Week's Study:

Session 9: Tues., April 27th Jerusalem: "Entry into Jerusalem & The Temple"

Mark 11:1-13:37