

THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Over the next two months, our worship services and much of our group devotion time will be spent reading and pondering the words of the Gospel of Mark. Our sermon series, The Marks of Discipleship, will run from September 26 – November 21 bringing us all the way to the Advent season. While our worship will focus on the characteristics of discipleship found in Chapters 9-12, we invite you during this season to read the entire Gospel of Mark.

Reading Scripture is itself a mark of discipleship, whereby the Spirit-inspired words bring us into relationship with the God known in Jesus Christ. You may use this simple reading guide to assist you. It is designed so you may read one section per week at your own pace (weekly scope) or daily beginning on Sunday, October 3. Take your time as you read. Stop and reflect on the passage you have read, and perhaps read it a second time. Then spend time considering the following questions:

How might it have felt to be present in the moments described? What might the person(s) involved have seen, heard, smelled, tasted, and felt? What might they have been thinking?

How is this text speaking to me today? To my community? To my world?

What does this text say about being a disciple and follower of the way of Jesus Christ?

Week 1 (October 3-9)

Weekly Scope: Mark 1 – Mark 3:6

- October 3 – Mark 1: 1-13
- October 4 – Mark 1: 14-34
- October 5 – Mark 1: 35-45
- October 6 – Mark 2: 1-12
- October 7 – Mark 2: 13-17
- October 8 – Mark 2: 18-28
- October 9 – Mark 3: 1-6

Week 2 (October 10-16)

Weekly Scope: Mark 3:7 – 5: 34

- October 10 – Mark 3: 7-19
- October 11 – Mark 3: 20-35
- October 12 – Mark 4: 1-20
- October 13 – Mark 4: 21-34
- October 14 – Mark 4: 35-41
- October 15 – Mark 5: 1-20
- October 16 – Mark 5: 21-34

Week 3 (October 17-23)

Weekly Scope: Mark 5:35 – 7: 37

- October 17 – Mark 5: 35-43
- October 18 – Mark 6: 1-29
- October 19 – Mark 6: 30-44
- October 20 – Mark 6: 45-56
- October 21 – Mark 7: 1-23
- October 22 – Mark 7: 24-30
- October 23 – Mark 7: 31-37

Week 4 (October 24-30)

Weekly Scope: Mark 8:1 – 10:16

- October 24 – Mark 8: 1-13
- October 25 – Mark 8: 14-26
- October 26 – Mark 8: 27-9-1
- October 27 – Mark 9: 2-13
- October 28 – Mark 9: 14-32
- October 29 – Mark 9: 33-50
- October 30 – Mark 10: 1-16

Week 5 (October 31-November 6)

Weekly Scope: Mark 10:17 – Mark 12:27

- October 31 – Mark 10:17-34
- November 1 – Mark 10: 35-52
- November 2 – Mark 11: 1-11
- November 3 – Mark 11: 12-19
- November 4 – Mark 11: 20-33
- November 5 – Mark 12: 1-12
- November 6 – Mark 12: 13-27

Week 6 (November 7-13)

Weekly Scope: Mark 12: 28 – 14:31

- November 7 – Mark 12: 28-44
- November 8 – Mark 13: 1-13
- November 9 – Mark 13: 14-27
- November 10 – Mark 13: 28-37
- November 11 – Mark 14: 1-11
- November 12 – Mark 14: 12-31
- November 13 – Mark 14: 31-72

Week 7 (November 14-20)

Weekly Scope: Mark 15:1 – 16:20

- November 14 – Mark 15: 1-20
- November 15 – Mark 15: 21-32
- November 16 – Mark 15: 33-47
- November 17 – Mark 16: 1-8
- November 18 – Mark 16: 9-13
- November 19 – Mark 16: 14-20
- November 20 – Sabbath - Rest and Reflect!