

Life Group Member Guide

Focal Passage: Mark 1:9-20 (ESV)

Passage in Context: Mark 1:1-45 (ESV)



Bible-Reading Tip: Begin by asking God to open your eyes and hearts to His Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Paul writes that the Spirit – who lives inside everyone who believes in Jesus – knows the depths of God and reveals Him to those who follow Jesus. So, always begin your time of reading the Bible with a prayer for Him to open your eyes and ears to what He will reveal. This doesn't mean that you will always have an emotional encounter or a special revelation, but you are acknowledging that He is that One through whom all wisdom is revealed.

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. “And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. “And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son;” with you I am well pleased.”

“The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. “And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, “and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;” repent and believe in the gospel.”

“Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. “And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”” “And immediately they left their nets and followed him. “And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. “And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

HEAR Bible Reading Method

HIGHLIGHT the passage

- Underline any repeated words or key ideas you see.
- Note any questions you have about what you read.
- In 2-3 sentences, summarize what was said or what happened.

EXPLAIN the passage

- What was revealed about God? His character, desires, and/or actions?
- What was revealed about people? What we are/do or what we should be/do?

APPLY the passage

- From this reading, what truth do you need to embrace?
- By God’s power, how will you THINK, SPEAK, or ACT differently based on what you read?

RESPOND to the passage

- Talk to God about what you’ve seen and learned in this passage.
- Ask Him to help you apply the truth to your life.