

Home Community Study & Discussion

Week of October 20, 2013

Read through Mark 1:14-45 out loud



Questions About the Text Following Up on the Sermon

- List all the ways you can think of in which the Gospel is “the Gospel of God” (v 14)
- Discuss what you think are the implications of Jesus' words in verse 15, “repent and believe the good news”, being commands—imperatives?
- What do you think we can learn from noticing Jesus' other commands in Mark 1? (e.g., Mark 1:17, 25, 41) What about Jesus' other commands in Mark 2:10-11 and 4:39?
- What comparisons could we make between Jesus' commands to sinners to repent and believe the Gospel, and Jesus' commands in Mark 5:41 and John 11:43?

Questions From the Text Not Addressed by the Sermon

- What do we learn about Jesus from the way he treats the following groups in Mark 1: a) the disciples, b) the sick, c) the demons?

In What Ways Does God Reveal Himself in this Passage? What Do We Learn About God Here?

- John 1:18 teaches that Jesus makes God known. What do we learn about God by studying Jesus in Mark 1:14-45?

What Ethical Questions Does this Passage Raise? Right vs. Wrong? Moral vs. Immoral?

- In light of Mark 1:14-15, discuss some examples of sharing the Gospel that might be considered at odds with the way Jesus proclaimed the Gospel?
- What are some ways we could become more biblical in how we share the Gospel with unbelievers?

In What Ways Do You See the Gospel Foreshadowed in this Text? Does it teach us about God's Holiness? Does it teach us about sin? Does it teach us about repentance? Does it teach us about God's grace?

- Read Ephesians 2:1-5. Compare this passage with what we have learned about God's grace in Mark 1.
- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Compare this passage with how we see people respond to Jesus in Mark 1.

How does this passage help us grow in our love for and trust in Jesus?