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Lesson One

Text: Mark 1-16

If possible, please read through this book in one sitting before answering the questions.

1. Who is the author of the book of Mark? What do we know about him?
2. What are some common words or phrases seen throughout this gospel?
3. How is Jesus depicted in the book of Mark?
4. What would you identify as a key verse or passage in the book?

9. What can we learn from Jesus about being a servant in these passages?

4. What was Jesus' command to Levi? How did Levi respond? (Mk 2:14)

5. How did the scribes and Pharisees react when Jesus ate in Levi's house? (Mk 2:15-16)

6. What three illustrations does Jesus use to respond to the Pharisees question about fasting? What is Jesus' point? (Mk 2:18-22)

7. What was the issue the Pharisees had with Jesus' disciples on the Sabbath? How did Jesus respond to their accusations? (Mk 2:23-28)

January 12

8. What can we learn from Jesus about being a servant in these passages?

January 19

4. Why did Jesus select the twelve? (3:14-15)

5. What was the response of Jesus' "own people" when they heard what He was doing? (3:21)

6. What do the Pharisees accuse Jesus of doing? What argument did He use to disprove this? (3:22-30)

7. What does Jesus mean in 3:28-29?

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Lesson Four

Text: Mark 4:1-5:20

1. Explain the parable of the sower. What does the seed represent? What do the different soil types represent? What is the application? (4:1-20)
2. Why did Jesus use parables to teach the people? (4:11-12)
3. Why does Jesus explain the parable of the soils in more detail to the apostles? (4:10-13)
4. Explain the parable of the lamp. (4:21-25)

Lesson Five

Text: Mark 6:1-56

1. How did the people of Nazareth react to Jesus' teachings? (6:1-6)

2. Why could Jesus not do many works in Nazareth? (6:5-6)

3. What was the commission given to the twelve when Jesus sent them out? (6:7-13)

8. How did the apostles respond to seeing Jesus walking on the water? (6:48-49)

9. What application should the apostles have taken from the feeding that would have helped them during this event? (6:51-52)

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Lesson Six

Text: Mark 7:1-8:26

1. What do the Pharisees and scribes see that they take issue with? (7:1-5)
2. What prophet does Jesus quote in response to the question of the Pharisees and scribes? What is His point? (6:6-8)
3. What example does Jesus use to highlight the issue of following the traditions of men? (7:10-13)
4. What is the true source of defilement? (7:14-16)

5. Who came to Jesus to be healed? What is unique about her compared to many of the other people Jesus healed? (7:24-26)

6. Explain Jesus' statement and the woman's response in 7:27-28.

7. What was the reaction of the disciples with Jesus suggested they should feed the multitude? Should they have responded in this way? (8:4)

February 9

8. How were the Pharisees testing Jesus? What was their motive? Explain Jesus' response to them? (8:11-13)

9. What was Jesus trying to get the apostles to understand in 8:14-21?

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February 16

4. What are some things people seek to gain at the expense of their souls? What makes the soul so valuable? (8:34-37)

5. What are some ways we may show we are ashamed of Jesus and His words? If uncorrected, what will be the end result of these actions? (8:38)

6. Explain Jesus' statement in 9:1. What is He referring to?

7. What is the significance of the appearance of Elijah and Moses on the mount of transfiguration? (9:1-7)

8. What does Peter's request on the mount reveal? (9:5-6)

9. What is the significance of the Father's voice on the mountain? (9:7-8)

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Lesson Eight

Text: Mark 9:14-10:31

1. What was the reason for the dispute between the scribes and Jesus' apostles? (9:14-18)
2. What did Jesus say was the reason the apostles could not cast out the demon? What does this mean? (9:29)
3. What were the disciples arguing about on the road to Capernaum? (9:33-34)
4. How did Jesus respond when His disciples told Him there were others casting out demons in His name? (9:38-40)

5. What is Jesus' point in His illustrations about sin and hell?
(9:43-50)

6. What question does the Pharisees ask in Mark 10:2? Why did they ask Jesus this?

7. Why did Moses allow for the men of Israel to divorce their wives? What restrictions were placed upon this? (Mk 9:3-5; Deut 24:1-4)

8. What is Jesus' point in Mark 10:6-12?

February 23

9. What is the rich young ruler seeking? Why does he leave Jesus sorrowful? (Mk 10:17-22)

10. What promise does Jesus give in Mark 10:29-30? What does this mean?

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Lesson Nine

Text: Mark 10:32-11:26

1. What does James and John ask to receive from Jesus? What does this question reveal about their understanding of the teachings of Jesus thus far? (Mk 10:37)
2. What is Jesus' purpose according to Mark 10:45? Taking other passages into consideration, is this a good summary of His purpose?
3. What did Jesus want His disciples to do as they approached Jerusalem? What Old Testament prophecy does this event fulfill? (Mk 11:1-11)

8. Summarize what Jesus teaches about forgiveness. (Mk 11:25-26)

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Lesson Ten

Text: Mark 11:27-12:44

1. What question does the chief priests, scribes, and elders ask Jesus when He walks into the temple the next day? Why do you think they asked this? (Mk 11:27-28)
2. How did Jesus answer their question? What was their answer to Him? Why did they answer this way? (Mk 11:29-33)
3. What is the lesson Jesus is teaching in the parable of the vineyard owner? Did the Jewish leaders understand this parable? (Mk 12:1-12)
4. How did the Pharisees and Herodians try to catch Jesus? How did Jesus respond to this question? (Mk 12:13-17)

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9. What comparison is made between the scribes and the poor widow? (Mk 12:38-44)

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Lesson Eleven

Text: Mark 13:1-14:31

1. What event is Jesus referring to in Mark 13:2?
2. What question does the apostles ask in response? (Mk 13:4)
3. What things will happen before the coming destruction?
When will this happen? (Mk 13:5-30)
4. What does Jesus tell His apostles they need to be doing as they look to “that day”? (Mk 13:32-37)

9. Why was the Lord's Supper instituted during the Passover Feast? (Mk 14:22-25)

10. How did Peter and the other apostles respond to Jesus when He foretold of their stumbling? (Mk 14:26-31)

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Lesson Twelve

Text: Mark 14:32-15:20

1. Summarize what happens as Jesus prays in the garden. (Mk 14:32-42)
2. Who came to meet Jesus in the garden? What was Jesus' response to them? Why does He respond in this way? (Mk 14:43, 48-49)
3. What problem did the Jewish leaders encounter as they attempted to try Jesus? (Mk 14:55-56)
4. What question did the high priest ask Jesus? How did He answer? (Mk 14:61-62)

March 22

9. Why did Pilate crucify Jesus? (Mk 15:15)

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Lesson Thirteen

Text: Mark 15:21-16:20

1. Where was Jesus crucified? (Mk 15:22)

2. What time was Jesus placed on the cross? Approximately how long did He hang on the cross? (Mk 15:25, 33)

3. What did the Jewish leaders do while Jesus hung on the cross? (Mk 15:31-32)

4. Who buried Jesus? Who observed this? (Mk 15:42-47)

