



Topeka Bible Church
“Christmas According to Mark: He was a Servant”
Community Group Study Questions
Mark 1:1-14; 10:45 and selected passages

1. Who was Mark? What do we know about the author of this second gospel (Acts 13:5, 13; 15:36-40; 2 Timothy 4:11)? If you have read through Mark’s gospel before, what is unique about Mark’s account when it is compared to the other gospels?

2. Read Mark 1:1-8. What does Mark tell us about Jesus’ birth? Do you think Mark knew anything about Jesus’ birth? Why did he intentionally leave out the first 30 years of Jesus’ life and jump *immediately* to the beginning of His earthly ministry?

3. In Matthew 4:1, the Spirit “led” Jesus into the wilderness but in Mark 1:12, the Spirit “drove” Jesus into the wilderness. Which verb is more appropriate for a king? How does Mark’s word choice illustrate his purpose for writing about Jesus Christ’s life?

4. Verse 45 is the theme verse for the entire gospel as Mark. What was Jesus’ ultimate act of service for the world (John 10:14-15; Matthew 26:39)? How was He our model for living the Christian life? Who else do you know that models this way of living?



5. In general, how do people act when they expect to be served? Contrast that with how people act who “come not to be served, but to serve” (*Philippians 2:3-4; Ephesians 5:21*)? Which description best fits you?

6. Why might a life of service be so important to God (*Luke 22:25-27; John 13:12-15*)? Can you think of a time when someone’s acts of service have led others to believe in the gospel message of Jesus Christ (*Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12*)?

7. Are you successfully living a life of service to others for the glory of God (*1 Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17*)? Why or why not? Who are some people in your family, neighborhood, church, workplace, etc. that you can more actively serve this week?

Memory Verse:

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:45, NIV)