

Week 2

Small Group

1. Ask what they got out of their reading last week. (5 Minutes)
2. Beginning Discussion Questions (5-10 Minutes):
 1. Did Matthew show that Jesus was the Messiah? How did he show that in his writing?
 2. Why is it important that he wrote chapter 28?
 3. Why was Matthew 28:18-20 so important for the Gentiles?

3. Video: Week 2 (9:44):

Mark wasn't an Apostle but became an associate of Peter and Paul.

The Author is believed to be John Mark.

Written in late 50's and 60's

Target Audience: Roman Christians

Purpose of Mark: To present the Gospel in a form suited for Roman readers and as a tool for evangelism.

Theme: "Jesus: God's Servant"

Mark doesn't have the genealogy of Jesus.

Outline of the Book of Mark:

- Preparation for Ministry (1:2-13)
- Ministry in Galilee (1:14-6:30)
- Ministry in Gentile Lands (6:31-9:50)
- Ministry in Persea (10:1-10:52)
- Ministry in Jerusalem (11:1-14:11)
- Consummation of Ministry (14:12-16:20)

Only 8 parables compared to Matthew and Luke who have 30.

Mark stresses the opposition of the religious leaders to Jesus.

Mark shows Nineteen Miracles

- Eight show His power over disease.
- Five show His power over nature.
- Four show His power over demons.
- Two show His power over death.

Mission of Christ

- Mark 2
- Mark 10

4. Go over and discuss video notes with group (5- 7 minutes)

5. Questions from the Video (5-10 Minutes):

1. What are the two missions that Jesus focuses on in Mark 2 and 10?
2. What are two things that you learned about Mark.

6. Discuss what they are hoping to get out of the reading this week (3-5 Minutes)

7. Prayer (5 Minutes)

- Take prayer requests.
- Pray together as a group.