

Lifegroup Questions

Mark Chapter 1

As you read through chapter 1 this week think about the following questions:

- Why did Mark write this?
- What did it mean for his readers?
- What does it reveal about Jesus?
- What does it mean for me?

Write down any thoughts or questions that arise and share them with your Lifegroup.

The following questions are can be used as discussion points during Lifegroup or for personal reflection:

- Why does Mark begin his book in the way that he does? He mentions the 'wilderness' 4 times in the first 13 verses, why might this be?
- What might being baptised in water have meant to Jewish people and how might they have felt about this prospect?
- What did John mean when he said "I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit"?
- Look at verses 9-11 why did Jesus get baptised? Why did the Spirit descend on Jesus 'like a dove'? Why did the father speak?
- What do you think caused Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow Jesus without hesitation? Why does he choose disciples so early on in his ministry?
- What do the 'Impure Spirits' words (verse 24) reveal about Jesus? Why do you think Jesus responds in the way he does (here and in verse 33)?
- Why does Jesus choose not to go back to the people who are looking for him, what is Jesus main priority? (verse 35-39)
- What can we learn about an appropriate response to Jesus from the disobedience of the leper? (verse 40-45)