



REVIVAL

NOT
SURVIVAL

Psalm 89:6

3 . 2 2 - 2 4 . 1 9

GETTING STARTED

1 Describe your personal hero. Why do you look up to that person? What did they do to earn your admiration?

This session, we're going to discuss Jesus's right to claim our loyalty. And we want to come away changed in three ways.

WE WANT T O:

- Understand that Jesus Christ is holy, unlike any other.
- Feel fascinated with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Actively make Jesus Christ the priority of our lives.

READ:

Mark 1:1–13

DISCUSS

2 After reading the introductory verses, what kinds of things do you expect from Jesus as Mark unpacks the story?

3 Who is Jesus to you? What kind of savior has he been?

4 How do you think Jesus has been misunderstood both in culture and in the church?

5 Based on the reading, what's one thing you'd like to take away from the Gospel of Mark during this study?

CONCLUDE

Mark sets up his readers to walk away from his book changed by their encounter with Jesus. As you look at Jesus through this series, prepare to answer the question, "Will you follow him?"

1

2

4

5

GETTING STARTED

1 When was the last time you made a decision you knew would impact the rest of your life? How did you feel in that moment?

This session, we're going to look at the life-changing call of discipleship, and what it really means to follow Jesus.

WE WANT T O:

- Understand that true discipleship requires a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Feel motivated toward obedience by his love, not our guilt.
- Surrender every aspect of our lives to the Holy Spirit's transforming work.

READ

Mark 1:14–45

SESSION 2

DISCUSS

2 How did Jesus's call affect you? What did you feel? How did it affect your thoughts on the Christian life?

3 What stands out to you about the first disciples' response to Jesus?

4 The call to follow Jesus is costly. What would you stand to lose if you chose to follow? What would you gain?

5 What's one thing in your life that regularly distracts you from following Jesus? Commit to setting that thing or activity aside for the next week and practice focusing on the savior.

CONCLUDE

Discipleship costs us. In our comfortable Christianity, we tend to ignore that cost until circumstances leave us no choice. Instead, let's commit to embracing the cost up front and following Jesus with a whole heart.

1

2

3

4

5

GETTING STARTED

1 What's the most outlandish claim you've ever seen someone follow through on?

This session, we're looking at Jesus's ability to back up his seemingly crazy claims, but also realize that Jesus is looking for those who recognize their sin.

WE WANT TO:

- Understand that only Jesus offers the relief all of humanity longs for.
- Feel genuine relief through the forgiveness Jesus offers.
- Begin to obey as a result of Jesus's forgiveness.

RE AD

Mark 2:1–3:6

DISCUSS

2 If Jesus showed up one day and said, "Name it and I'll fix it," what would you ask from him? Why?

3 What would you have expected from Jesus when the paralytic came down through a hole in the roof? Why?

4 Why do you think the Pharisees responded to Jesus the way they did?

5 If you're being honest, how big of a deal is your sin? Look back at the things you wrote you'd like Jesus to fix. Where do they rank compared to the sin that separates you from God?

CONCLUDE

Jesus isn't our personal wish-fulfillment genie. He wants us to recognize our sin and come to him for redemption. And that means laying aside our power and expectations.

1

2

3

4

5

GETTING STARTED

1 What's the most difficult thing you've attempted and accomplished? How did you feel at the end?

This session we're looking at the difficult but rewarding task of discipleship. Scripture never promises an easy time following Jesus, but it does make it clear that exchanging obedience to the Savior for worldly comfort is a cheap trade.

WE WANT T O:

- Recognize that discipleship is about advancing the kingdom of God.
- Feel confidence in our acceptance through Jesus.
- Work at bearing fruit in keeping with our discipleship.

READ

Mark 3:7–4:34

DISCUSS

2 Based on Mark 3:7–19, what distinguishes the disciples from the crowds following Jesus?

3 Think about Francis's words concerning those following Jesus: Which group does your life reflect—the crowds or the disciples? Why?

4 What lessons can you take away from Jesus's parable of the sower? What soils has your life reflected in the past?

5 What's one thing you can surrender to Jesus this week to better embrace his call on your life?

CONCLUDE

Following Jesus entails more than simply being a fan of his teaching. It means letting the cares of the world and the priorities of self-centeredness fall away.

1

2

3

4

5