

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.*

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## **LESSON 1 GOD'S SERVANT PRESENTED**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

If you were to give next week's sermon, how would you like to be introduced?

### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:**

**Note:** *Mark was written primarily for Gentiles – particularly Romans who wanted to know Jesus as a man of action and authority more than his teaching. Much of Mark is based on what John Mark heard Peter preach and teach. The book of Mark is not so much a biography as a character sketch of Jesus as a servant leader. The word "Christ" is a Greek word for "Messiah" which means anointed one. Unlike the other gospels, Jesus bursts onto the scene as a fully-grown man. "The word gospel means "good news". In the OT, it was used for "good news of victory" and in the NT, it designates the message of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died for the sins of the world (1 Cor. 15:1-8; Gal. 1:6-17). Mark proceeds to give us the personal "credentials" of Jesus Christ, the Servant of God."*<sup>1</sup>

#### **Read Mark 1:1-8**

1. How might the first verse be considered the title and purpose of Mark?
2. Why would anyone listen to John (the Baptist)? Mal 3:1
3. In what ways does John's ministry prepare the people for the Messiah?
4. What does John say about Jesus?

#### **Read Mark 1:9-15**

5. Why was Jesus baptized? Lk 12: 50; Mk 10:38; Matt 3:13-15
6. How does the baptism confirm Mark's message that Jesus is the Son of God?
7. Why might the baptism have been important to Jesus at this point in his life?
8. Why was Jesus tempted? What is the significance of Jesus' temptation at this point in his life?
9. What did Jesus mean by "the kingdom of God?" (v.15) Mal 4:1-3, Joel 2:1-2, 10-14

### **APPLICATION**

- How did God introduce you into His ministry?
- How do you deal with temptation?

*You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ. But am sent ahead of him.' The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.*  
*John 3:28-30*

*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*

<sup>1</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (1997). *Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament* (105). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.