

# DISCOVER JESUS WITH MARK

## LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

### Meeting no 1      THEME: Good news!

**Prepare** yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. Start reading Mark's Gospel by yourself or listening to it with an audio-app and making your own discoveries. Read it as if you are watching a Netflix-series. You can have a Bible study just by reading a chapter and afterwards sharing: what struck you in what we 'saw' and do you know why it struck you? How is what strikes you related to your life? Pay special attention to 1:1-15.

**20.00 – 20.10 Start** Sometimes, after hearing or reading something, we decide to do things differently. Can you give an example of this from your own life?

**20.10 – 20.15 Pray.** Thank God for giving us the good news of the Gospel. Thank God for giving His Spirit and ask the Spirit to reveal the truth of the Gospel, so that listening to it and studying it will result in repentance and faith in our lives.

**20.15 - 20.40 Bible passage:** Read Mark 1:1-15.

Look again at verses 1

- What is the meaning of 'gospel'?

Look again at verses 2-3.

- What does 'prepare the way of the Lord' mean?

Look again at verses 4-8.

- Is there something that strikes you in these verses?

Look again at verses 9-11.

- Why was Jesus to be baptised?
- What would this voice from heaven have meant for those hearing it? And what would it have meant for Jesus?

Look again at verses 12-13.

- Jesus was able to resist Satan's temptations. Whoever starts to believe in Jesus will also be tempted. How can we come through?

Look again at verses 14-15 and compare these with verse 1

**Lesson:** The Gospel is the treasure of the church. This true Gospel, connected with the call to repent and believe must become central in the life of the church. It must continue to be preached, explained, applied. And the church is responsible to spread it everywhere (see Mark 16:15).

### 20.35 – 20.50 Digging deeper

- Do you sometimes struggle with repentance and faith in the Gospel? If yes, how/wherein?
- Is the Gospel really treasured in your church? And spread by your church?

**20.50 – 21.00 End** the Life Group meeting with praying together.