

8-7-22 Facilitator - The Beginning of the Gospel Mark 1:1-13, Tim Rice

1. **Launchers:** Engaging folks with thoughtful questions.

- What is the best news you have heard this week?

2. **Worship:** Read Romans 1:1-6

- Worship God for his work in your past to prepare you to hear and receive the Good News of us in Jesus.
- Worship God for His Work in your present to cause an obedience of faith, a doing that comes from believing.
- Worship God for His Work for you to be counted in the beloved for all eternity.

3. **Sermon Reflection:** Mark 1:1-13 The Beginning of the Gospel

GOOD NEWS IMPLIES A PROBLEM

- What is a gospel? *An announced victory over a key threat*
 - As demonstrated by his mighty words and awesome deeds, Jesus is, in some mysterious way, the long-awaited presence of God himself come to save his people (Col 2:9).
- How has Holy Spirit been at work to make you aware of your need for Jesus? Past? Presence? Future?

WHO IS DOING THIS WORK?

- Why does it matter who Jesus is?
- What does it indicate about our problem that it takes all 3 persons of the Godhead to save us?
- How does their work together encourage us to live in “interdependent community”?

WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS WORK?

- What does this beginning tell us about Jesus’ mission?
- How is Jesus going to save us from being an enemy of God under his wrath to being a child of God dearly loved?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer:** YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD our God and Savior. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His heart to redeem sinners like us when He could justly be done with us, forever
2. How have you lived as if you have no problem with your Maker, *or* to solve the problem, *the work is all yours?* Confess your sin and rebellion to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you as your rightful King and Savior.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that He came to bring us the good news, *the Gospel*, of His triumph over our sin, guilt, Satan and death. Thank Him for coming to save us with divine power by destroying the works of the devil.
4. Who do you know that needs good news from God? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their heart to His Grace and to give you courage and words to convey to them the hope that Jesus offers to sinners like us.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with a sense of what it means to be washed by, and consecrated to, Jesus. Pray for such security and clarity in Christ that you know that you are His baptized disciple (by water and Spirit).

5. **Mission:** Herald the Good News! Preparing the way.

Christians are on mission to challenge your friends, family and enemies with thought provoking questions that cause reflection and an awareness of the need for Jesus. So, this week ask your friends and coworkers any of these great questions from today’s sermon.

- Why does it matter who Jesus is?
- What is the relationship between your spiritual condition and your struggles?

6. **Jesus From Others**

Close your time together in letting each person share something they came to love about Jesus from something someone in the group shared during your time together.

- What do you love more about Jesus from what someone shared during our CG tonight?