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THE TIME HAS COME
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The Book of Mark:

The Human Writer

John-Mark - the Forrest Gump of the New Testament.

Book Characteristics

- Fast-Paced
- Action-Oriented
- Practical
- Focuses on the Identity and Way of Jesus

What does it look like to be “marked” by Jesus?

1. Recognize Jesus for who He is and identify with Him. (vs. 1-13)

*The initial way that believers identify with Jesus is through Baptism.

2. Commit to follow His way throughout all of life. (vs. 14-45)

- Don't wait. Seize the opportunity to follow Jesus now.

The time (kairos) has come! (v. 15)

- Rest on Jesus' authority over all things. (v. 27)

- Don't get distracted. Keep the gospel message the main thing in your life. (v. 38)

NEXT STEPS:

- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.
- I want to show people I'm following Jesus by getting baptized on Good Friday, March 25.



Lesson Aim: To follow Jesus by identifying with Him through Baptism and/or committing to follow Him 24/7.

Prayer: Open in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to show you what it means to be “Marked”.

Ice Breaker: Is your favorite time of day Sunrise, Daylight, Twilight or Night? Why?

1. As Christians, we are “Marked” by Jesus. What does being “Marked” mean to you?
2. As you reflect on this past month of Missional Living, what are some ways that we can show others that we are “Marked” by Jesus?
3. **Read Mark 1:4-8.** What are some of the characteristics of John that you would surmise from these scriptures? How do we recognize that John was “Marked” by Jesus?
4. Pastor Chris taught us Sunday that we are “Marked” by Jesus when we understand and identify with who Jesus is. What does it mean to “understand and identify” with Jesus?

5. **Read Mark 1:9-11.** Why do you think that Jesus, the perfect Son of God, chose to be baptized?
6. We can further identify with Jesus through being baptized. Why do you think that some people hesitate to be baptized?
7. If someone asked you what it meant to be baptized, or what it takes, how would you respond?
8. Being “Marked” by Jesus creates some responsibilities in action and attitude for us. What are they?
9. Spend some time in prayer asking God to show us how we can reach out to the lost and encourage people to be “Marked” by Jesus.

Memorizing Scripture is a key tool to resist temptation, make wise decisions, strengthen us under stress, comfort us when we’re sad and to witness to those who don’t know Christ.

Memory Verse of the Week:

Mark 16:16 *“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned”.*