

Study Guide

Mark 1:9-15

1. Share some of your initial thoughts from the message.
2. According to v. 9, Jesus was baptized. Why? Was He impure? What can we learn about Jesus' attitude here? (see also Matt. 3:14-15). Is it important for believers to follow Christ's example in baptism?
3. According to v. 10-11, God the Father wants to affirm us. Do you believe that you are beloved of God? How can you move from being the beloved, to becoming the beloved (letting it affect how you think, talk and what you do)?
4. Read v. 12-13. If we are so loved by God, then why does He allow us to be tempted (see James 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-4)? For a detailed account of the temptation of Christ, read Matt. 4: 1-11. Notice how Satan tempts and how Jesus fights against it. What tempts us? Discuss how temptation can test us and drive us closer to God.
5. Read v. 14-15. What is God's message? What does it involve? How are we challenged to respond? How can we align ourselves with God's Kingdom and His purposes?

Application

Spend some time praying together and thanking God for the fact that Jesus came! Ask Him to use you this week to share the good news with others.

Message Slides

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I. To Show you the Way (v.9)

"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan."

II. To Affirm you (v.10-11)

"And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.""

III. To Test you (v.12-13)

"The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him."

IV. To Use you (v.14-15)

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.""

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