

June 4th, 2017
Message Notes

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Spring | Week 7

Use this time as a group to *grow spiritually and to deepen your relationships*.

Mark 1

What is one thing from Sunday's lesson that stood out to you?

Reflection and Discussion

1. The baptism of Jesus is the first event in Jesus' life that Mark recorded. What was the significance of this baptism for Jesus? What was the significance for John the Baptist?
2. What is the difference between John's baptism with water and Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit?

3. Recall your own baptism, what did this mean to you?

4. Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to be immediately sent into the wilderness to be tested? What do you imagine were the temptations that he might have faced? (Also refer to the accounts in Matthew 4:1–11 and Luke 4:1–13.)

5. Jesus' wilderness experience calls to mind the wilderness experience of the Jews who had left Egypt for the promised land (see the book of Numbers for a refresher). What do you think was similar between their experience and Jesus' experience? What was different?

6. The "wilderness experience" is a familiar metaphor even today. In your own life there are bound to have been wilderness experiences. As you look back now on some of them (whether recent or long ago), what are your thoughts on how God worked, and their long-term impact on you and your life?

Family Reminders

Newcomer's Lunch TODAY

after church in the Annex.

If you're new here, join us for a free lunch and get to know us a bit better.

New 10 am Sunday Morning Bible Classes

starting **TODAY**

Men-Warriors (Auditorium)

Women-Multiple Topics (Annex)

Contribution Update

Weekly Budget: \$10,000

10-week Average: \$9,576

Growth Goal: \$11,000

Special Offering Update

Church Target: \$80,000

Total Talent Goals Submitted to Date: \$43,000

Total Given to Date: \$10,000

Please pray and consider what you would like to give in 2017. Goal cards AND special offering \$ can be turned in using red offering envelopes at any time, and you can find extra goal cards at the Welcome Center if you need one. We'll keep you updated on progress.