

# Growth Group Curriculum

## WINTER SEMESTER 2021

Mark Week 4 Mark ch. 1 vv. 21-34

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### REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. This past Sunday we learned about Jesus' authority. What has your relationship been to authority? Are you a rebel or rule follower? Do you generally trust or mistrust it?
  2. Can you think of a time in your life where you felt called to do something out of obedience to Christ that was difficult? What was the outcome?
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## **DIGGING DEEPER**

**Read Mark 1, verses 21-45 and consider the following questions:**

- 1. What do verses 23-28 teach us about the kingdom of God? Despite modern prejudices against the idea of demon-possession, how does the existence of evil spirits help us explain what goes on in the world?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Over what area of life do verses 29-34 show his authority? What do we learn about the kingdom here?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. When Jesus enters the synagogue, he is not one of the recognized teachers, not a priest or scribe or Pharisee who usually taught what "Moses said" or what "Rabbi so-and-so said." How is Jesus' teaching different (vv. 21-22)?**

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4. How else does Mark say that Jesus demonstrates his authority (vv. 23-34)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  5. Jesus didn't stay in one place like John did. Instead, he traveled around Galilee, preaching the good news and healing many people. But after he heals a leper, why doesn't he want anything to leak out about that healing (vv. 35-45)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  6. In some countries and in certain situations, some Christians will know in prayer that it is better not to attract too much attention to themselves. This isn't cowardice but wisdom. Why might this be the case with Jesus?

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**7. Looking over this first chapter of Mark, how does Jesus model for us different aspects of announcing the kingdom of God?**

**8. People today struggle with the idea that we must absolutely submit all of our thinking and practice to the Lordship of Christ. How can we answer a person who struggles like that?**

**Prayer Requests:**

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