



# STORYTELLERS

## Week Two | Mark - To the Irreligious | 03.21-22.2020

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Although Mark was not one of Jesus' disciples, he spent a lot of time with Peter and with Paul. He wanted his readers to understand how Jesus came for them, even if they had never been Jewish.

### » Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is one of your biggest pet-peeves? Why do you think that irritates you so much?
- Digging Deeper: How do you respond to others when you are annoyed? How do you think they feel in these moments?

### » Observation | Read Mark 1:14-20; 15:16-20

(15 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | **God's love outruns our rebellion.**

(15 minutes)

- What are the ways we think we disqualify ourselves from God's love?
- How has God shown up and loved you at times when you thought you had run away from Him?

### » Unknown Kingdom | Reference Mark 1:14-20

(15 minutes)

- Do you trust Jesus as the source of your invitation to follow Him? What makes you say that?
- What influences and ideas are you allowing to have authority in your life? Are they causing you to run in fear or embrace the things that are not healthy or helpful? Why do you think we allow these kinds of things to have authority instead of trusting Jesus?

### » Unlikely King | Reference Mark 15:16-20

(15 minutes)

- What kind of king did the Jewish people believe would come as their king? Why did Jesus disappoint them? How did they respond?
- What kind of king do you think our world needs right now? How can we use this time of isolation as a way to help others see how Jesus Makes Life Better?

### » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Who are some people in your life that don't know it yet but God's love is running after them? How might God want to use you in their lives to know how much He loves them - no matter what?
- What does it mean that we have a God who loves us unconditionally? What does that free us from and free us for as kids, parents and families?
- Close by praying for each other, our community and our world to know the unconditional love of God.