

Mark | a new way

Learning to Listen for Your King

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Mark 13:1-13

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Introduction: Jesus says: "Follow me." But how? Not by following a set of rules, but by being caught up in good news. The story of Jesus, as the gospel of Mark tells it, is the story of good news and a new way. A better way. To be "on the way" with Jesus is let the good news have its way in every dimension of our lives. As we begin our study of Mark's account, we focus on Mark's use of the term 'good news.' Because the invitation to adventure and transformation still stands today: "Follow me."

Review: Were you able to trust God while you waited for more understanding? How did that affect your daily life?

Read: Mark 8:22-26

Prayer: Holy True God, we want to listen to you together as we study your word. Amen

Discussion:

1. Jesus warns of being led astray by false prophets. How are you prepared to discern who is telling the truth about God? See Deuteronomy 13:1-4; Matthew 7:15-20; Mark 13:21-23 and 1 John 4:1-3.
2. What is your reaction to "do not be alarmed" (v7) and "do not worry" (v 11)? What other times do you recall in scripture that the admonition not to fear is found?
3. What do you know about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as believers? See John 14:26; John 15:26-27 and John 16:7-11.
4. Where are you currently trying to discern truth from falsehood?

Application: How and when do you listen to God?

Prayer: Father God, thank you for showing us what is true. You call to us in many ways every day so that we do not need to be afraid. Amen