



God promised his kingdom but it would not be the political, military kingdom people expected. And yes, the kingdom would come through the Messiah but not through the kind of Messiah people expected either.

As we journey through Mark, the book helps us understand the character of Jesus, who is the Messiah as well as how we are to live out our lives as his disciples. In Mark 1:1-8, John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' arrival and in the same way we must make room for Jesus in our own lives to join Him in His Kingdom work.

- Open with prayer.
- If your groups is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

## REVIEW

Open your Bibles and read from **Mark 1:1-8**.

- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you?
- Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten?
- If someone woke you up and told you that the Prime Minister was on his way to visit you, how would you respond?
- What experience from your life illustrated what it means to repent?
- How does John seek to prepare the people for Jesus' coming?
- John prepared "the way for the Lord." Who prepared the way for the Lord in your life?
- In what ways are we asleep today in our churches, our communities, and our personal lives?
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

## PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other's prayer requests.