



Mark's Gospel is like a fast paced theatre show, demonstrating how God's new world breaks into our reality. The story begins with John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. As we read the rest of the story, perhaps wondering who Jesus is, Mark has given us his clue right at the beginning.

- 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 1:1-13**.

- 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**

- John the Baptist was preparing the people to meet Jesus by calling them to repentance. Why is repentance and confession so essential in the Christian life?
- God used John to help prepare the people to meet Jesus. Who has God used in your life to help point and direct you to Jesus?
- What would you like to hear God say to you today?
- What do you think would happen if you went away to be by yourself for 40 days?
- How have you seen God's kingdom break into your reality?
- 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.