

# Central Church of Christ

## Growth Group Questions: 09/11/2022

### Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

### Gospel of Mark – Session #1

**Main Idea: Jesus is unlike any other savior, and he calls us to make him our first priority.**

- What makes Jesus unique to you?
- In what ways is the good news that John the Baptist was preaching different from the usual way we use the phrase "good news"?
- What sort of attitude should we have toward Jesus?
- Why do you think John felt unworthy to untie Jesus's sandals? What does that say about John?
- Describe your attitude toward your sin. Does it evoke as strong a reaction as John's? Why or why not?
- In what ways has Jesus become too familiar? Do you find yourself taking him for granted? How?
- In Mark 1:9-11, how are the three persons of the trinity working in unison together?
- Reading this opening passage, what do you expect from Jesus? What kinds of things do you anticipate from him as Mark's Gospel goes forward?
- If you do believe Jesus is God, what kind of savior has he been in your life? How are you living daily with that reality?