

February 16, 2014
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
Pastor Paul S. Brown
Mark 1:14-20

“The Gospel Call”

- I. The Title – 1:1
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41**
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ) - 1:14-8:30**
 - 1. The Gospel Call – 1:14-20**

Discussion Questions:

1. Mark's Gospel starts with, "The beginning of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." What is the "**Gospel**" message? What are the main points that must be made in a presentation of the Gospel?
2. Many people read the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) in small sections or paragraphs. Often they separate those sections from each other and fail to see any connections the author may have intended. Read Mark 1. What connections do you see as you read?
3. Why does Mark have Jesus "preaching the gospel of God" in v. 14-15 and then have the calling of the first disciples in v. 16-20? What does the calling of the disciples illustrate about the call of the gospel? Why do you think Mark included the point that James and John were in the boat with their father Zebedee and with the hired servants when they "went away to follow Him"?
4. Why do you think Mark uses the word "immediately" so often in his Gospel? What does it add to the story of the calling of the disciples in v. 18 and v. 20? What does it say to you about the way you should respond to Jesus? Is there any area of your life right now where Jesus has spoken to you but you are hesitating? What is keeping you from responding right now with immediate obedience?
5. What does it mean to be a "fisher of men?" (See also Mt. 4:18-19) Why did they need to follow Jesus to become fishers of men? What was Jesus' primary method of fishing? What role did teaching with authority have in Jesus' methodology of fishing for men?
6. Someone said (probably a preacher), "God had only one Son and He sent Him to be a preacher." What evidence can you find to support that in the Gospel of Mark? Which was a greater priority to Jesus, preaching or healing (hint: Mark 1:32-39)?
7. What does it mean for us to "follow Jesus" today? How do we do that? We can't physically see Him like the disciples did so how do we follow Him? What evidence will be in our lives if we are truly following Him?
8. What fears arise when you think of following Jesus wherever He may lead you? How can you overcome those fears? What truth can you meditate upon to help you overcome those fears and find great joy in following Jesus wherever He leads?