

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is an unusual fear that you or someone in your family have?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. We are starting into the Good News about Jesus written by a man named Mark. He begins with John the Baptist, a prophet who was calling people to be baptized, showing that they were turning away from their sins. Notice the unusual events and “persons” in the passage we are going to read.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 1:9-13** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - What are some of the things Jesus heard and saw that most people are totally unaware of?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - Based on these verses, what can you say about God the Father’s relationship with Jesus?
 - Jesus was aware of the presence of God the Father, God the Holy Spirit, Satan’s temptations, and angels. How do you think this helped Jesus live a perfect life?
 - If you lived with an awareness of the presence of God the Father, God the Holy Spirit, Satan’s temptations, and angels, how do you think your life would be different?
 - Read passage again. What is God saying to you through this passage today?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*

*** Reading from different translations often helps.*