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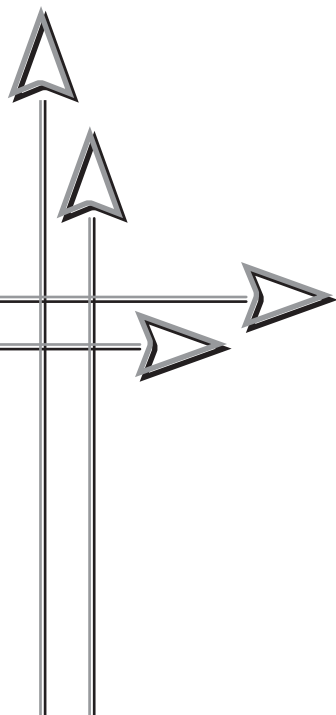
MULTIPLY DISCIPLES WITH  
THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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# MARK 1: GOSPEL BEGINNINGS

Mark's Gospel is one of the most helpful, reliable, and historically verifiable sources on the life of Jesus. Read Mark 1:1-45 out loud with your discipleship group. Your leader will help you answer the observation, interpretation, and application questions. If you're not comfortable reading, let your leader know.

## **OBSERVE: What Do You See?**

- Mark 1 serves as the introduction to this Gospel and is filled with activity: Jesus was baptized by John, was tempted by Satan, and began his public ministry. He was about \_\_\_\_\_ years old at the time (Luke 3:23).
- When Jesus began his public ministry in Mark 1, he began preaching the \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:14) as his main message. If we are going to truly understand Jesus, we must grasp his \_\_\_\_\_ .

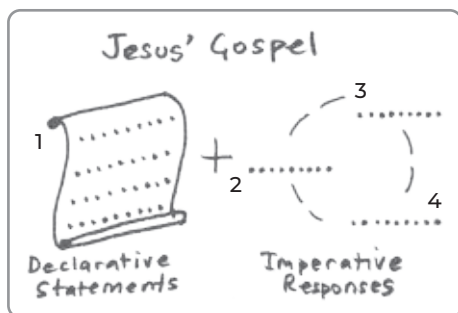
1. The major declaration of Jesus' gospel in Mark 1:15 was about the kingdom of God. What did Jesus declare about God's kingdom?

2. How did Jesus call people to respond to his declaration about God's kingdom? Read Mark 1:15-17. What were the three aspects of Jesus' call?

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3. The Primary Call of Jesus' Gospel: Two of the most powerful words Jesus ever said were "\_\_\_\_\_." These words call us to begin living a new life with Jesus; a life of *seeking first the kingdom of God* (Matt. 6:33).

4. Jesus revealed four of the seven essential elements of his gospel in Mark 1:14-17. With your leader's help, fill in these four gospel elements by the following drawing. (Clue: One goes with the Declarative Statements, three with the Imperative Responses.)



### INTERPRET: What does it mean?

5. Read Romans 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-3. What do these verses teach us about Jesus' gospel? What questions does this study of the gospel raise for you so far?

### APPLY: How does it apply?

**The "Follow" Project:** You've just finished the first session—well done! Now you need to decide whether or not you want to keep learning how to follow Jesus. Take time to decide this week. Count the cost. Maybe you're not ready. When you've made your decision, let your group leader know. If you decide to continue, you're making five commitments:

- I will finish this study of Mark's Gospel with my discipleship group.
- I will make our weekly sessions a high priority on my schedule.
- I will be on time, come prepared, and participate.
- I will transparently share and keep confidential what others share.
- I will multiply this experience by leading a discipleship group myself.

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*Your Signature*

**Pray: A.C.T.S.** This is a helpful acronym for praying. **Adoration:** Start praying by focusing on God and his goodness. **Confession:** Acknowledge your need for God and confess any sin in your life to him. **Thanksgiving:** Give thanks to God for his forgiveness and for the Holy Spirit who empowers us to obey Jesus. **Supplication:** Pray for others and for various things in your own life.