The Place to Begin Mark Lesson 1

**Lesson 1 – The Place to Begin**

**Mark 1:1-8**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 1:1**

*Please pray before beginning your study. A possible verse to pray is John 16:13:“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”*

3. According to 2 Peter 1:20-21, who is the author of all scripture?

4. What are a few of the many wonderful benefits of reading God’s Word according to the following verses:

 a. Ps.19:7-11

 b. Ps. 119:92

 c. 2 Tim. 3:16

 d. Heb.4:12-13

5. ***Thought Question:*** What do you think the phrase “the gospel about Jesus Christ” means?

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6. Using the following verses, why does Mark refer to Jesus Christ as the
“Son of God?”

 a. Matthew 28:18

 b. John 10:30

 c. John 18:37

*Apply this day: Who do you say Jesus Christ is? Pray and ask God to reveal Him in a deeper way through your study of the gospel of Mark this year.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 1:2-4**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

7. Who prophesied a messenger was coming? (see Isa 40:3 and Mark 1:2)

8. What did Isaiah say the messenger would do?

9. According to Mark 1:4, who appeared to fulfill the prophecy in Isaiah?

10. ***Thought Question:*** Using Matt.5:17 & 18, why is it important to look at Old Testament prophecies and see how they point to Jesus Christ?

*Apply this day: Spend time thanking God for preparing the way for you to know Him and ask Him to show you who needs you to point them to Jesus.*

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**Day 4 – Read Mark 1:4-5**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

11. What two things did John come to do?

12. Look up the definition of repentance (in google or dictionary). What does repentance mean?

13. John preached we must repent for the forgiveness of our sins. What do the following verses teach us about repentance:

1. Ps.51:1,10

b. Ps.139:23-24

14. ***Thought Question:*** According to Mark 1:5, did John go to the people or did they come to Him?

What is the significance of the people leaving their homes and traveling to the desert to hear a message that they were sinners and needed to repent?

15. According to Acts 3:19 and Romans 3:22-24, how do you get right with God?

16. ***Personal Question:*** Read 1 John 1:9. What does God promise when we confess our sins? Is confession of sins and repentance something you practice in your life? (See Heb.13:8)

*Apply this day: Spend time in prayer, confess and repent your sins to God. Remember the promise in I John 1:9 “He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

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**Day 5 – Read Mark 1:6-8**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

17. What was John’s physical appearance and what did he eat? Why might this be significant?

18. Did John point to himself or to Christ? Give the verse.

19. **Personal question:** Are my clothing, food and words pointing to Christ or are they more about glorifying myself?

20. According to the text what is the difference between John’s baptism and Jesus’ baptism?

21.Who is John speaking about in verse 7, and why does he refer to him as one “who is mightier than I?” (See John 1:15)

22. ***Personal question****:* Do you show humility in approaching Jesus as one “who is mightier than I” or do you catch yourself approaching Him with pride?

*Apply this day: Spend time today approaching the Lord with humility, asking Him to show you where there are pockets of pride in your life. Confess those areas and ask God to give you a humble, teachable heart instead.*

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**Day 6 – Reread Mark 1:5 (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from this verse*. *Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply this verse to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*