

Malipayong pag-abot sa atong Simbahan!

Malipayon kami nga inyong gipili nga duyogan kami karon sa pagsimba sa atong Dios ug Mangluluwas, si Jesu-Cristo. Hinaot nga ang inyong panahon dinhi kay mahimong mahinongdanon ug halandumon.

Ania ang pipila ka mga kalihokan nga nagpadayon uban kanamo!

☐ **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

Karong adlaw, atong gipasidungan ug gisaulog ang tanang mga amahan, apohan, ug mga nibarog isip amahan nga nangulo uban ang gugma, pagtuo, ug kusog. Ang inyong dedikasyon, mga pag-ampo, ug hilum nga mga sakripisyo mao ang salamin sa kasingkasing sa atong Langitnong Amahan. Hinaut nga bation ninyo ang lawom nga pagpasalamat ug panalanginan kamo karong adlaw.

☐ **Congregational Prayer & Fasting**

Ang ikaduhang **Pag-ampo ug Pagpuasa** sa tibuok simbahan karong tuiga mahitabo sa **Hunyo 30 hangtod Hulyo 4, 2025**, matag gabii sa alas **7:00 sa gabii**. Kini usa ka espesyal nga oportunidad sa pagpangita sa Dios nga magkauban pinaagi sa pagsimba, sa Pulong, ug sa hiniutang pag-ampo. Magkuha kita gikan sa basahon sa Colosas nga may temang **"Si Kristo Labaw sa Tanan: Pag-ampo Gikan sa Dapit nga Puno."** Magpaabot kita alang sa personal nga pagbag-o ug bag-ong paglihok sa Dios sa atong simbahan, atong komunidad, ug sa atong nasud!

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☐ **Unsa may among maampo para nimo?**

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NATALIGAM-AN ANG GIATUBANG NGA KAMATUORAN

Pagpalapad sa Misyon: Mapadayag ang Gingharian
Pastor Matt Mahusay Sr. | Hunyo 15, 2025 | Marcos 6:1-6

SERMON NOTES

I. ANG PAGKASINATI KANG KRISTO HINUNG DAN SA PAGKAWALAY PAGTOO

- Kini nagdasig sa mga indibiduwal nga molahutay sa ilang pagtuo, bisan pag sila makasugat og mga hagit o pagsukol.

II. PAMILYA UG KATAWHAN, SI HESUS GIAYRAN

- Ang Gahum sa Pagtoo: Ang tudling naghatag usab ug gibug-aton sa gahum sa pagtoo sa pagdawat sa grasya sa Dios. Kadtong adunay pagtuo makadawat ug kaayohan gikan kang Jesus, bisan sa iyang kaugalingong lungsod.

III. PAGSUPAK UG PAGKAWALAY PAGTOO, HINUNG DAN SA PAGSALIKWAY KANG KRISTO

- Kini nagpasiugda sa kamahinungdanon sa pagtuo, pagkabukas sa bag-ong mga panghunahuna, pagdawat sa uban, ug ang pagkaamgo nga ang gahom ug awtoridad sa Diyos mabati gihapon bisan sa mga dapit diin adunay kawalay pagtuo.

ATONG MISYON

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
Para sa Semana sa Hunyo 16-22, 2025
“NATALIGAM-AN ANG GIATUBANG NGA KAMATUORAN”

Alang sa Pagsugod

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Pagpaambit og usa ka halandumon nga punto, usa ka espirituhanon nga leksyon, usa ka personal nga aplikasyon, usa ka pangutana, o usa ka butang nga nakahagit kanimo gikan sa wali sa miaging Domingo.

Unsa ang usa ka butang nga imong nahimo sa dugay nga panahon nga kini gibati nga hingpit nga normal apan ang ubang mga tawo natingala gihapon?

Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Marcos 6:1-6

1. Unsang espesipikong mga detalye ang gilakip ni Marcos bahin sa pagdawat kang Jesus sa Nasaret, ug unsay gipadayag niini bahin sa gidahom sa mga tawo sa lungsod? Sa unsang paagi ang ilang pagkasinati sa kagikan sa pamilya ni Jesus morag nakaimpluwensiya sa ilang pagsanong sa iyang pagtulon-an? Unsa ang gisugyot niini mahitungod sa unsa ka maayo sa atong hunahuna nga kita nakaila sa mga tawo nga labing duol kanato?

2. Gisultihan kita ni Marcos nga si Jesus “walay mahimo nga gamhanang buhat didto” tungod sa ilang pagkawalay pagtuo. Unsa ang gitudlo niini kanato mahitungod sa relasyon tali sa pagtuo ug sa pagsinati sa gahum sa Dios? Giunsa nimo pagpahiuyon ang pagkasoberano sa Diyos niining morag limitasyon tungod sa pagkawalay pagtuo sa tawo? Unsa kaha ang kahulugan niini alang sa atong kaugalingon nga espirituhanong kinabuhi ug mga komunidad?

3. Usahay maghunahuna kita nga tungod kay nagdako kita sa simbahan o nahibal-an ang mga istorya sa Bibliya, kita adunay pagtuo – apan si Jesus ingon og nangita pa og mas labaw. Basaha ang Pinadayag 3:17–20. Unsa nga mga matang sa espirituhanon nga mga pangagpas ang gisukmat ni Jesus niini nga tudling? Sa unsang paagi nato masulayan kon tinuod ba nga nagkinabuhi kita pinaagi sa pagtuo – o nagtuo lang nga mao kita?

4. Unsay buot ipasabot nga si Jesus natingala sa ilang pagkawalay pagtuo? Sa unsang paagi ang pagkawalay pagtuo atubangan sa tin-aw nga ebidensya lahi sa matinud-anong pagduhaduha o pagpangutana? Nganong peligroso kaayo ang pagkawalay pagtuo?

5. Bisan pa sa pagsalikway, giayo gihapon ni Jesus ang pipila ka tawo ug nagpadayon sa pagpanudlo sa kasikbit nga mga baryo. Unsay gipadayag niini mahitungod sa kinaiya ug misyon ni Jesus? Unsa ang gitudlo niini kanato kon unsaon pagdumala ang pagduhaduha o pagsalikway kon atong ipaambit ang pagtuo ngadto sa uban? Unsang pagdasig ang atong makuha gikan kang Jesus?

6. Ngano sa imong hunahuna nga kasagaran labing lisud alang sa mga tawo nga makaila sa espirituhanong pagbag-o o awtoridad sa usa ka tawo nga dugay na nilang nailhan? Unsa nga mga kapeligrohan ang anaa kon kita mohunong sa pagpasidungog sa mga tawo nga labing duol kanato, ilabi na niadtong hilom nga nagsunod kang Jesus?

7. (Opsyonal) Sa Lucas 4:16–30, ang pagsalikway ni Jesus sa Nazareth mas labaw pa – sila nahimong kaaway ug misulay sa pagpatay kaniya. Ngano sa imong hunahuna nga isog kaayo ang reaksiyon sa mga tawo sa mga pulong ni Jesus? Unsang mas lawom nga mga isyu sa kasingkasing ang tingali nabutyag? Sa unsa nga paagi kita usahay mosukol o mosalikway sa mga kamatuoran nga mohagit kanato?

SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

- Akong hangyoon si Jesus nga ibutyag kon asa ako nahimong sobra nga pamilyar ra kaayo kaniya.
- Magkinabuhi ako pinaagi sa pagtuo ug dili sa pangagpas.
- Ibalik nako ang dungog sa akong mga relasyon.
- Makakat-on ko gikan kang Jesus kon unsaon pagtubag sa pagsalikway ug pagduhaduha.
- Hatagan nakog bili ang ordinaryo ug nataligam-an.

ALANG SA PACTAPOS

Tapusa ang sesyon pinaagi sa paggahin og panahon sa pag-ampo alang sa usag usa. Ikonsiderar ang mosunod samtang mag-ampo ka:

- Pag-ampo alang sa espirituhanong mga mata aron makita si Jesus kung kinsa siya – sa ordinaryo man o sa talagsaon.
- Pag-ampo alang sa mga relasyon nga motubo uban sa ubang mga sumusunod ni Kristo, nga kamo magdasig ug mag-atiman sa usag usa.
- Pag-ampo alang sa imong wala pa naluwas nga pamilya, mga higala, ug mga minahal.
- Pag-ampo alang sa proteksyon, probisyon, pag-ayo ug kahupayan alang sa tanan nga nag-antus sa pisikal, emosyonal, mental ug espirituhanong kasakit.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

Hunyo 16	Marcos 6:1-6
Hunyo 17	Jeremias 1:4-10
Hunyo 18	Juan 7:1-9
Hunyo 19	Lucas 9:1-6
Hunyo 20	Santiago 3:13-18
Hunyo 21	Salmo 64:1-10
Hunyo 22	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

☐ Happy Father's Day!

Today, we honor and celebrate all the dads, grandfathers, and father figures who lead with love, faith, and strength. Your dedication, prayers, and quiet sacrifices are a reflection of our Heavenly Father's heart. May you feel deeply appreciated and blessed this day.

☐ Congregational Prayer & Fasting

This year's second church-wide **Prayer and Fasting** will be on **June 30 to July 4, 2025**, each evening at **7:00 PM**. This is a special opportunity to seek God together through worship, the Word, and united prayer.

We will draw from the book of Colossians with the theme **"Christ Above All: Praying from a Place of Fullness."** Let's come expectant for personal renewal and a fresh move of God in our church, our community, and our nation!

☐ Free Blood Pressure & Sugar Check-up

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their **Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar** levels to avail of our free check-up, happening **every after Sunday service!**

☐ How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your **prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

☐ Discover life with our Small Groups.

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☐ Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection!** It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

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TOO CLOSE TO SEE

Expanding The Misson: The Kingdom Unfolds (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | June 15, 2025 | Mark 6:1-6

SERMON NOTES

I. WHEN THE FAMILIAR BLINDS US

Sometimes what we think we know about God becomes the biggest obstacle to actually knowing God.

God's greatest work often comes packaged in the most ordinary wrapping.

The danger of spiritual expertise is that we can become too smart to be surprised by God.

We can become so familiar with the forms of faith that we lose touch with the power of faith.

II. WHEN ASSUMPTIONS/UNBELIEF CLOSES THE DOOR

God's unlimited power operates through our limited faith.

God's healing and blessing are always acts of grace, not rewards for perfect faith.

Faith creates space for God to work; unbelief shrinks that space.

III. WHEN RESISTANCE REPLACES FAITH

Our faith or lack of faith has the power to move the heart of God himself.

Privilege brings responsibility, and proximity to truth increases accountability.

Exposure to truth without response to truth leads to hardness of heart.

The danger of spiritual privilege is that we can become professional Christians without being authentic disciples.



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 16–22, 2025

“TOO CLOSE TO SEE”

Getting Started

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What’s something you’ve done for so long that it feels totally normal yet other people still find surprising?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 6:1-6

1. What specific details does Mark include about Jesus’ reception in Nazareth, and what do these reveal about the townspeople’s expectations? How does their familiarity with Jesus’ family background seem to influence their response to his teaching? What does this suggest about how well we think we know the people closest to us?

2. Mark tells us that Jesus “could do no mighty work there” because of their unbelief. What does this teach us about the relationship between faith and experiencing God’s power? How do you reconcile God’s sovereignty with this seeming limitation caused by human unbelief? What might this mean for our own spiritual lives and communities?

3. Sometimes we assume that because we grew up in church or know Bible stories, we have faith – but Jesus seemed to look for more. Read Revelation 3:17–20. What kinds of spiritual assumptions does Jesus confront in this passage? How can we test whether we’re truly living by faith – or just presuming that we are?

4. What does it mean that Jesus was amazed by their unbelief? How does unbelief in the face of clear evidence differ from honest doubt or questioning? Why is unbelief so dangerous?

5. Despite the rejection, Jesus still healed a few people and continued teaching in surrounding villages. What does this reveal about Jesus’ character and mission? What does this teach us about how to handle skepticism or rejection when we share the faith to others? What encouragement can we draw from Jesus?

6. Why do you think it’s often hardest for people to recognize spiritual change or authority in someone they’ve known for a long time? What dangers exist when we stop honoring the people closest to us, especially those who are quietly following Jesus?

7. (Optional) In Luke 4:16–30, the rejection of Jesus in Nazareth goes even further – they become hostile and try to kill him. Why do you think the crowd reacted so strongly to Jesus’ words? What deeper heart issues might have been exposed? How do we sometimes resist or push away truths that challenge us?

Next Steps

Our faith or lack of faith has the power to move the heart of God himself.

- I will ask Jesus to expose wherever I have become too familiar with him.
- I will live by faith and not presumption.
- I will restore honor in my relationships.
- I will learn from Jesus in how to respond to rejection and skepticism.
- I will value the ordinary and overlooked.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for spiritual eyes to see Jesus for who he is – whether in the ordinary or in the spectacular.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

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☐ RT2 (Redeeming the Time)

Ang Redeeming The Time o RT2 magsugod karong semanaha sa Hunyo 9-13, 2025 para sa tibuok semana nga kalingawan ug panag-uban gikan sa 1 hangtod 5pm. Giimbitar ang tanan, bata o tigulang (labi na ang mga estudyante nga nagbakasyon), nga gusto maglingaw sa pagdula og mga board game, pagkanta sa karaoke, bisan pagtan-aw og salida. Dad-a ang usa ka higala o minahal sa pag-adto aron malingaw ug makig-uban kanamo (& oo, adunay pagkaon usab!)

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Pastor Matt Mahusay Sr. | Hunyo 8, 2025 | Marcos 5:21-43

SERMON NOTES

I. DIHA KANG KRISTO MOTUMAW ANG PAGTUU

- Ang mga buhat ni Jairo nagpakita sa iyang pagtuo. Wala lang siya motuo sa gahom ni Jesus. Iya kining gipangita pinaagi sa pagduol kaniya.

II. ISINTRO ANG IMONG PAGTOO DIHA NI KRISTO

- Ang sugilanon sa babaye nga gidugo ug ang anak nga babaye ni Jairo naghulagway kon sa unsang paagi ang pagtuo makadala og kaayohan ug ang pagsalig makabuntog sa pagkawalay paglaum.

III. ANG PAGDASIG NI KRISTO PAGPABILIN SA PAGTOO

- Usahay, ang panahon sa Diyos morag nalangan o lahi sa atong gipaabot, apan kinahanglang mosalig kita sa iyang kaalam ug magpadayon sa pagtuo.

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Para sa Semana sa Hunyo 9-15, 2025
“PAGBATON UG HUGOT NGA PAGTOO DIHA KANG KRISTO”

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Kung makaimbento ka og bag-ong holiday, unsa ang saulogon niini ug unsaon kini pag-oberbar sa mga tawo?

Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Marcos 5:21-43

1. Atong susihon ang duha ka indibiduwal niini nga tudling: si Jairo ug ang babaye nga nagdugo. Unsa ang espesipikong mga kahimtang nga mitultol sa matag usa kanila sa pagduol kang Jesus? Unsaang mga detalye sa teksto ang naghatag kanatog mga timailhan bahin sa ilang kahimtang sa katilingban, sa ilang personal nga pakigbisog, o sa giladmon sa ilang pagkadesperado? Sa unsang mga paagi nga ang ilang mga pangaliyupo ngadto kang Jesus molanog sa usa ka gipaambit nga kasinatian sa tawo sa dinaliang panginahanglan?
2. Si Jesus mihunong aron sa pag-atiman sa babaye nga nagdugo bisan pag ang kahimtang ni Jairo daw mas dinalian. Unsa sa imong hunahuna ang gitudlo niini kanato mahitungod sa panahon sa Dios batok sa atong kaugalingon? Sa unsang paagi kini makahagit sa paagi sa atong paghunahuna bahin sa mga pagkabalda sa kinabuhi? Makahunahuna ka ba ug mga pananglitan sa Bibliya diin ang panahon sa Diyos morag “ulahi” apan sa tinuod perpekto?
3. Si Jairo mihapa sa tiilan ni Jesus ug nagpakiluoy sa dayag, samtang ang babaye miduol sa tago nga naglaom nga makahikap sa iyang besti nga dili mamatikdan. Giunsa nimo pagkalambigit ang matag usa niini nga mga pagpahayag sa pagtuo?
4. “Ayaw kahadlok, pagtuo lang.” Sa imong kaugalingong kinabuhi, asa nimo kinahanglan nga makadungog niini karon? Unsa ang praktikal nga hitsura sa pagkinabuhi pinaagi sa pagtuo imbes sa kahadlok sa dihang nag-atubang ug walay kasegurohan nga kahimtang? Sa unsang paagi ang presensiya ni Jesus ug ang iyang mga pulong makahatag kanatog kaisog sa mga higayon sa kahadlok o kaguol?

5. Kini nga tudling nagpakita nga si Jesus nalambigit pag-ayo sa publiko ug pribado nga mga higayon – nag-ayo sa usa ka desperado nga babaye sa panon ug nagpasig-uli sa kinabuhi sa usa ka nagbangutan nga pamilya. Sa unsang paagi kini makadasig kanimo kon sa unsang paagi si Jesus nakakita ug nagtubag sa imong mga panginahanglan? Kinsa sa imong kinabuhi ang nanginahanglan og tawo nga magdala kanila ngadto kang Jesus karon?

6. Unsa ang gitudlo kanato sa pagkamalahutayon sa babaye, bisan pa sa dose ka tuig nga pag-antos ug napakyas nga mga pagsulay sa pag-ayo, mahitungod sa paghulat sa panahon sa Dios ug pagkupert sa paglaum? Sa unsang paagi ang iyang istorya makadasig kanato kon kita mag-atubang og mga hagit o nalangan nga mga tubag sa pag-ampo?

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SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

- Akong dad-on ang akong desperasyon kang Hesus.
- Akong hatagan ug pagtagad ang mga divine interruptions.
- Akong huptan ang presensiya ni Jesus ug ang iyang Pulong.
- Ako mahimong usa ka tingog sa paglaum sa laing tawo.
- Magpraktis ko sa tinuyo nga pagpaminaw ug paghinayhinay.

ALANG SA PACTAPOS

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This year's second church-wide **Prayer and Fasting** will be on **June 30 to July 4, 2025**, each evening at **7:00 PM**. This is a special opportunity to seek God together through worship, the Word, and united prayer.

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SERMON NOTES

I. WHEN DESPERATION DRIVES YOU TO JESUS

Desperation, if it humbles us, can grow our faith. But if it hardens us, it can kill our faith.

Jesus responds to faith, even desperate, imperfect faith.

II. WHEN THE INTERRUPTION IS THE ASSIGNMENT

Some of the greatest moments of divine impact happen not in the plans we set, but in the interruptions we didn't expect.

God's assignments often come disguised as interruptions to our assignments.

In God's economy, there's enough time, enough attention, enough grace for everyone who reaches out in faith.

III. WHEN JESUS' PRESENCE & WORD CHANGE EVERYTHING

We don't need to know what will happen. We just need to know Who is with us.

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OUR MISSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Getting Started

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Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you could invent a new holiday, what would it celebrate and how would people observe it?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 5:21-43.

1. Let’s examine the two individuals in this passage: Jairus and the bleeding woman. What were the specific circumstances that led each of them to approach Jesus? What details in the text give us clues about their social standing, their personal struggles, or the depth of their desperation? In what ways do their pleas to Jesus resonate with a shared human experience of urgent need?
2. Jesus stops to attend to the bleeding woman even though Jairus’ situation seems more urgent. What do you think this teaches us about God’s timing versus our own? How might this challenge the way we think about interruptions in life? Can you think of biblical examples where God’s timing seemed “late” but was actually perfect?
3. Jairus fell at Jesus’ feet and begged openly, while the woman approached secretly hoping to touch his garment unnoticed. How do you relate to each of these expressions of faith?
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5. This passage shows Jesus deeply involved in both public and private moments — healing a desperate woman in the crowd and restoring life to a grieving family. How does this encourage you about how Jesus sees and meets your needs? Who in your life might need someone to bring them to Jesus today?

6. How does Jesus’ interaction with the woman, singling her out in the crowd, demonstrate his personal care and desire for genuine connection? What does it communicate about God’s concern for those who might feel overlooked or invisible?

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Next Steps

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- I will bring my desperation to Jesus.
- I will pay attention to divine interruptions.
- I will hold on to Jesus’ presence and his Word.
- I will be a voice of hope to someone else.
- I will practice intentional listening and slowing down.

Closing the Session

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Pagpalapad sa Misyon: Mapadayag ang Gingharian
Pastor Matt Mahusay Sr. | Hunyo 1, 2025 | Marcos 5:1-20

SERMON NOTES

I. DESPERADONG KAHIMTANG SA TAWO

PAGTULON-AN:

Kini nagtudlo mahitungod sa gahum ni Hesus ibabaw sa dautan ug sa makapausab nga gahum sa hugot nga pagtuo.

APLIKASYON:

- Pagpangita og tabang ug kaayuhan gikan ni Jesus,
- Pagsalig sa iyang gahum sa pagbuntog sa bisan unsa nga kahimtang sa kinabuhi,
- Pagpaambit sa usa ka kasinatian uban sa Dios.

II. ANG MADAUGON NGA AWTORIDAD UG GAHUM NI HESUS

PAGTULON-AN:

Kining bahina sa kinaiya ni Jesus nagpakita nga siya dili lamang gamhanan kondili maluluy-on usab.

III. ANG GAHUM NI HESUS SA PAGBAG-O

PAGTULON-AN:

Ang tudling nagpasiugda sa katakus ni Jesus sa paghingilin sa mga demonyo ug pagtanyag ug pagpasig-uli sa mga naulipon, nga nakaapekto sa tawo nga giyawaan ug sa komunidad.

Alang Sa mga Kristohanon, ang ebanghelyo mao ang labing dako nga sugilanon nga naasoy sukad. Lakaw ug isulti sa mga tawo kung unsa ang nahimo sa Ginoo sa pagtubos kanimo!

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
Para sa Semana sa Hunyo 2-8, 2025
“ANG GAHUM UG PAGKAMAAYO NI HESUS”

Alang sa Pagsugod

Ngadto sa facilitator: Gamita kini nga seksyon sa pagpaila sa hilisgutan. Kon mahimo, paghatag ug mubo nga recap sa sermon.

Pagpaambit og usa ka halandumon nga punto, usa ka espirituhanon nga leksyon, usa ka personal nga aplikasyon, usa ka pangutana, o usa ka butang nga nakahagit kanimo gikan sa wali sa miaging Domingo.

Unsa ang usa ka butang tingali wala mahibal-an sa mga tawo bahin kanimo nga nakaporma kung kinsa ka karon?

Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Marcos 5:1-20

1. Basaha ang Marcos 4:35–41 ug Marcos 5:1. Ngano kaha nga ang mga disipulo nanlimbasug sa pagsabut ngano nga sila mitabok sa dagat? Sa unsang paagi nato mabalanse ang puno sa pagtuo nga pagkamasinugtanon uban ang maalamong pagsabot? Unsay makatabang kanato sa pag-ila sa dihang ang usa ka “peligroso” nga paglihok aktuwal nga gipangulohan sa Diyos?

2. Ang teksto naghulagway sa tin-aw sa usa ka tawo nga gihuptan sa demonyo. Unsa ang gisulti niini nga paghulagway kanato mahitungod sa gahum sa impluwensya sa demonyo ug sa grabeng pag-antos sa tawo? Sa unsang mga paagi nga ang sala o makadaot nga mga kinaiya sa atong kaugalingong kinabuhi (o sa kinabuhi niadtong atong mga kaila) mobati nga sama sa mga kadena o mga talikala, bisan kon kini dili literal?

3. Tagda ang interaksyon tali ni Jesus ug sa mga demonyo. Unsay kahulogan sa mga demonyo nga nakaila dayon sa pagkatawo ug awtoridad ni Jesus? Sa unsang paagi kini nga engkwentro nagpakita sa gahom ni Jesus ibabaw sa espirituwal nga mga puwersa? Asa sa imong kinabuhi kinahanglan nimong hinumduman ug mosalig sa awtoridad ug gahum ni Jesus?

4. Ngano sa imong hunahuna nga ang mga tawo sa lungsod mihangyo kang Jesus sa pagbiya human makasaksi sa pagkaayo sa tawo? Sa imong kaugalingon nga kinabuhi, nakasukol ka na ba sa pagbag-o tungod kay kini adunay gasto? Makahunahuna ka ba og usa ka sitwasyon karon diin ang usa ka tawo mas bililhon kaniya ang kahupayan o kalig-on labaw pa sa pagkaayo o pagbag-o sa usa ka tawo? Unsa kaha ang hitsura sa pagpili sa pagbag-o, bisan kung kini adunay presyo?

5. Ngano nga gipapauli ni Jesus ang tawo imbis nga tugutan siya nga mosunod ingon usa ka disipulo? Natintal na ba kamo sa pag-ikyas sa inyong kagahapon o pagbalhin sa bag-ong dapit imbis nga mangalagad kon asa kamo? Nganong lisod man ang pagsangyaw sa atong “kaugalingong katawhan” kay sa uban nga wala nato kaila?

6. Gipakita sa estadistika nga wala pay 1% sa mga tawo ang nahimong mga misyonaryo. Unsa ang mga implikasyon niana alang kanimo? Sa unsang paagi kita, sama sa naayo nga tawo diha sa istorya, mahimong mga ahente sa sugilanon sa Dios sa atong kaugalingong “Decapolis”—atong mga trabahoan, kasilinganan, ug mga pamilya?

SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

Si Jesus kanunayng nahibalo sa iyang gibuhat, bisan pag dili siya mosulti ug usa ka pulong.

- Moingon ko og oo kon asa ko dad-on ni Jesus, bisan kon kini dili komportable o dili pamilyar.
- Mopahulay ako sa kinatas-ang gahum ug awtoridad ni Jesus ibabaw sa tanang butang.
- Akong hatagan og bili ang pagbag-o kay sa kahupayan o gasto.
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I. WITH THE DISCIPLES: “WHY ARE WE GOING THERE?”

The disciples simply trusted the destination because they trusted the One calling them there.

We are called to a kind of obedience that isn't reckless but rooted.

We demand so much certainty, so much explanation, so much guarantee of success that we never actually step out in faith.

II. WITH THE TOWNSPEOPLE: “WHAT ABOUT THE COST?”

If cost becomes our bottom line, we will miss the miracles in front of us.

Some decisions don't require extended conversation; they require character.

Let's not miss the miracle because we're holding too tightly to what it might cost us.

III. WITH THE HEALED MAN: “WHY CAN'T I COME WITH YOU?”

Sometimes the hardest thing Jesus asks of us isn't to go, but to stay.

Sometimes the most powerful mission strategy isn't sending people away, it's sending them back, armed with nothing but their story and the scars that prove it's true.

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Group Discussion

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1. Read Mark 4:35–41 and Mark 5:1. Why might the disciples have struggled to understand why they crossed the sea? How do we balance faith-filled obedience with wise discernment? What helps us recognize when a “risky” move is actually led by God?
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7. (Optional) Of the three “conversations Jesus didn’t have,” which one resonates with your life right now? What’s one area in your life where you’re waiting for an explanation before you obey? How can the group support and pray for one another as you each take the next step in your own calling or healing journey?

Next Steps

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Pagpalapad sa Misyon: Mapadayag ang Gingharian
Pastor Matt Mahusay Sr. | Mayo 25, 2025 | Marcos 4:35-41

SERMON NOTES

I. Pagsulay ni Hesus sa mga Desipulo.

Bisan kon mag-atubang ug lisod nga mga kahimtang, sama sa bagyo, ang mga disipulo kinahanglang mosalig nga si Hesus kauban nila ug mogiya kanila.

Sa unsa nga paagi nga kita magiyahan:

- a) Unaha ang Pagtuo ug Pagkamasulundon
- b) Pagsalig sa Presensya ni Hesus
- c) Pag-atubang sa mga Hagit uban sa Pagtuo

II. Pagpakita ni Hesus sa iyang Gahum

Ang mahinungdanong punto mao nga:

- a) Si Hesus ang nagkontrol sa tanang butang lakip na ang kinaiyahan.
- b) Ang umaabot lya na nga nasayran.
- c) Siya ang bugtong paglaom ug kadangpan.

III. Pagpadayag ni Hesus sa kasingkasing sa mga Desipulo

Atong makita ang Awtoridad ni Hesus.



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Kung papilion ka nga naa sa lugar diin masinati nimo ang labing grabe nga kainit o bugnaw nga panahon, unsa ang imong pilion? Ngano man?

Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Marcos 4:35-41.

1. Unsa ang mga lihok o pagbag-o sa istorya nga nakakuha sa imong atensyon? Unsa ang reaksyon sa mga tinun-an sa matag yugto — gikan sa kalma nga paglawig, hangtod sa bagyo, hangtod sa pagpakalma ni Jesus sa mga balud, hangtod sa katapusan nga pangutana? Asa nimo ibutang ang imong kaugalingon sa emosyonal nga paagi kung naa ka sa kana nga sakayan?

2. Ngano sa imong hunahuna nga ang mga disipulo milukso sa pagduhaduha sa pag-atiman ni Jesus ug dili sa iyang gahum? Nakaampo ka na ba niana nga matang sa pangutana—naghunahuna kon tinuod ba nga nakita o nahingawa ang Dios sa imong kasakit? Unsa kaha ang gipadayag sa ilang kalisang bahin sa kanunay natong paghubad sa kahilom sa Dios?

3. Si Jesus natulog sa unos. Unsa ang gisulti niini nga detalye kanato mahitungod sa iyang pagsalig sa Amahan o sa iyang pagsalig sa sitwasyon? Unsa ang gipasabut sa pagsalig sa Diyos nga igo aron makapahulay, bisan kung ang mga balud naghaguros pa?

4. “Nganong nahadlok man ka kaayo? Wala ka pa bay pagtuo?” Unsa sa imong hunahuna ang gipasabot ni Jesus niana? Nagdahom ba siya nga sila kalmado sa bagyo sa ilang kaugalingon o mosalig kaniya bisan pa niini? Unsaon nimo pagtubag kon ang imong pagtuo dili mohaum sa imong kahadlok? Unsa kaha ang gidapit ni Jesus kanato sa dihang iyang gipangutana kana nga pangutana?

5. Ngano sa imong hunahuna nga ang mga disipulo mas nahadlok human sa unos kay sa panahon niini? Unsay gipadayag sa ilang kahadlok bahin sa nagkadako nga pagkaamgo kon kinsa gayod si Jesus? Sa unsang paagi ang kahingangha lahi sa kalisang o kahadlok ug nganong hinungdanon kini sa tinuod nga pagtuo?

6. Unsa ang kausaban ang nahitabo sa pagsabot sa mga tinun-an kon kinsa ang anaa sa sakayan? Sa unsang paagi kini makahagit sa atong kalagmitan sa pagtan-aw kang Jesus isip usa ka tawo nga atong madumala o matagna? Sa unsang paagi ang kahingangha ug katingala makapalalom sa atong relasyon kaniya, ilabina sa panahon sa krisis?

7. Kung kini nga tudling naghagit sa atong panginahanglan alang sa pagpugong, nagdapit kanato ngadto sa kasaligan nga pahulay, ug sa katapusan nagpunting kanato sa kahingangha, asa na ka sa maong panaw karon? Aduna bay mga bahin sa imong kinabuhi diin gihangyo ka ni Jesus nga buhian ang kontrol, pagpahulay sa iyang presensya, o pagtubag kaniya uban ang nabag-o nga pagtahod? Unsa kaha ang hitsura sa paggamit niana sa imong kinabuhi karong semanaha?

SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

“Diha sa Dios ikaw nakigbatok sa usa ka butang nga sa tanang bahin dili masukod nga labaw sa imong kaugalingon. Gawas kon ikaw nakaila sa Dios ingon niana—ug busa nakaila sa imong kaugalingon nga walay bili—wala ka gayud makaila sa Dios.” (C.S. Lewis—hinubad)

- Itugyan ko sa Diyos ang pagkontrolar sa akong mga bagyo.
- Ako mopili sa pagpahulay diha kang Jesus.
- Akong ugmaron ang kataha sa Diyos.
- Akong hinumdoman nga si Jesus uban kanako diha sa sakayan ; Dili nako atubangon ang akong mga kasamok nga mag-inusara.
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SERMON NOTES

What do you expect God to do when your life falls apart?

I. THE STORM EXPOSES OUR ASSUMPTIONS/ILLUSIONS OF CONTROL (Mark 4:35-37)

Storms are not always a sign that we've gone the wrong way. Sometimes, they are part of the path God himself has called us into.

We are not in control. We never really are.

The storm isn't the enemy. It's the revealer.

Storms show us where our hope has been misplaced.

II. THE STORM INVITES US TO REST IN HIS/GOD'S CONTROL (Mark 4:38, Gen 1:2).

Storms outside can easily turn into a storm inside.

Sometimes the storm outside is easier to face than the storm within.

We may want rescue, but Jesus offers rest.

III. THE STORM REVEALS THE JESUS WHO IS IN CONTROL (Mark 4:29-41).

The real danger isn't the storm outside; it's that they've underestimated Who's in the boat with them.

Awe is the moment we stop treating Jesus like a spiritual genie and start recognizing him as God.

"In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and therefore know yourself as nothing in comparison—you do not know God at all." (C.S. Lewis)



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Getting Started

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you were to choose to be in a place where you can experience either the most intense heat or cold weather, which would you choose? Why?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 4:35-41.

1. What are the movements or turning points in the story that catch your attention? How do the disciples react at each stage — from calm sailing, to storm, to Jesus calming the waves, to their final question? Where would you place yourself emotionally if you were in that boat?
2. Why do you think the disciples jumped to questioning Jesus' care and just not his power? Have you ever prayed that kind of question — wondering if God truly sees or cares about your pain? What might their panic reveal about how we often interpret God's silence?
3. Jesus is asleep in the storm. What does this detail tell us about his trust in the Father or his confidence of the situation? What does it mean to trust God enough to rest, even when the waves are still crashing?
4. “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” What do you think Jesus meant by that? Was he expecting them to be calm in the storm themselves or to trust him despite it? How do you tend to respond when your faith doesn't match your fear? What might Jesus be inviting us into when he asks that question?

5. Why do you think the disciples were more afraid *after* the storm than during it? What does their fear reveal about the growing realization of who Jesus truly is? How does awe differ from panic or terror and why is it essential to true faith?

6. What shift happens in the disciples' understanding of who's in the boat? How does this challenge our tendency to see Jesus as someone we can manage or predict? How does awe and wonder deepen our relationship with him, especially in times of crisis?

7. If this passage challenges our need for control, invites us into trustful rest, and ultimately points us to awe, where are you in that journey right now? Are there areas of your life where Jesus is asking you to release control, rest in his presence, or respond to him with renewed reverence? What would it look like to apply that in your life this week?

Next Steps

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- I will release control of my storms to God.
- I will choose to rest in Jesus.
- I will cultivate awe of God.
- I will remember that Jesus is in the boat with me; I will not face my troubles alone.
- I will remove any form of entitlement.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart to let go, to rest and to live in awe of who Jesus is.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

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Malipayong pag-abot sa atong Simbahan!

Malipayon kami nga inyong gipili nga duyogan kami karon sa pagsimba sa atong Dios ug Mangluluwas, si Jesu-Cristo. Hinaot nga ang inyong panahon dinhi kay mahimong mahinongdanon ug halandumon.

Ania ang pipila ka mga kalihokan nga nagpadayon uban kanamo!

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Ang **Paragon Youth Ministry**, sa pakigtambayayong sa **IVCF**, nalipay sa pagdapit sa tanang kabatan-onan sa pag-apil sa **Youth Camp: “Sibol”**— mahitabo karong **Hunyo 4-6, 2025** sa **Highland Mango Ecofarm!** Ang bayad sa pagsalmot **P2,000.00 lang**, ug **limitado ang mga slots**.

Hapit kamo sa **booth** sa gawas pagkahuman sa service alang sa dugang nga mga pangutana bahin sa **pagrehistro** sa camp ug aron dugang mahibal-an unsaon **pagtampo sa fund raising efforts**.

☐ Libreng Blood Pressure & Sugar Check-up

Pag-awhag sa mga gustong magmonitor sa ilang **Blood Pressure ug Blood Sugar** level aron maka-avail sa atong libreng check-up, nga mahitabo **matag human sa Sunday service!**

☐ Unsa may among maampo para nimo?

Pribilehiyo namo ang pag-ampo alang kanimo! Mahimo nimong ipadala ang imong mga **hangyo sa pag-ampo** ug **mga pasalamat** pinaagi sa text(0912 130 6148) o pinaagi sa pagsulat niini sa mga prayer card nga gihatag o pinaagi sa pagpadala kanamo og private message sa atong FB page

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SERMON NOTES

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Nakasinati na ba ka mahimog usa ka opisyal sa klase o usa ka organisasyon atong studyante pa ka? Kung nakasuway na, unsa nga posisyon ang naa nimo? Kung wala ra, nganong wala ka moapil?

Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Marcos 4:26-34.

1. Unsa ang duha nga mga parabola nga gisulti ni Hesus sa kini nga seksyon? Sa unsang paagi sila parehas? Giunsa sila magkalainlain? Ngano sa imong hunahuna nga gigamit ni Jesus ang mga metapora sa agrikultura aron ihulagway ang Ginghamarian sa Diyos? Giunsa sa duha ka mga parabola nga nagkonektar sa Sambingay sa Magpupugas sa Marcos 4: 1–20?

2. Sa sambingay sa nagtubo nga liso (Marcos 4: 26–29), unsa ang gibuhay sa mag-uuma pagkahuman gitanom ang binhi? Unsa ang wala buhata sa mag-uuma? Unsa ang gisulti niini kanato bahin sa kinaiyahan sa pagtubo sa kini nga sambingay?

3. Giunsa ang panginahanglan sa atong modernong kultura alang sa mga instant nga mga resulta hagit sa paagi nga gihubit ni Hesus dinhi ang pagtubo sa Ginghamarian dinhi? Asa sa imong kinabuhi ikaw “nagpugas sa pulong” – sa usa ka panag-istoryahanay, usa ka relasyon, usa ka pag-ampo, batasan?

4. Sa unsa nga gamay, natago nga mga pamaagi nakita nimo ang Dios sa trabaho sa imong kinabuhi bag-ohay lang?

5. Sa sambingay sa liso sa mustasa (Marcos 4: 30–32), ngano nga gipasiugda ni Hesus ang bahin sa sinugdanan sa Binhi sa Mustasa kung itandi sa kadak-an niini? Unsa ang giingon niini bahin sa katapusan nga epekto sa buhat sa Dios – bisan kung kini nagsugod sa gamay?

6. Giunsa ang personal nga paghagit sa kini nga mga sambingay? Sa unsang mga paagi nga kini nga mga parabola naghatag kanimo paglaum o pagpailub alang sa mga lugar diin ang pagtubo daw hinay o dili sigurado sa imong kinabuhi o komunidad sa Simbahan?

7. Pagkahuman sa usa ka semana sa nasudnon nga eleksyon (o personal nga mga highs / lows), giunsa kini nga paagi nga kini nga nagpunting sa imong pagtuon ingon usa ka sumusunod ni Hesus? Asa ang imong paglaom nga nakagamot?

SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

Ang Pulong mao ang binhi, ang Ginghamarian mao ang sangputanan.

- Akong ipugas ang pulong nga matinud-anon
- Akong isalig sa Dios ang sangputanan/pagtubo
- Akong dawaton ang pasensya sa Ginghamarian
- Akong imatngon sa mga gagmay nga “Ginghamarian nga higayon”– gagmay nga higayon sa pagserbisyo, gugma, o pagsulti sa kamatuoran.
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Jesus wants us to understand how the Kingdom grows.

I. PLANT THE WORD EVEN WHEN IT'S SMALL (Mark 4:26; Isa 55:11)

The kingdom doesn't begin with a throne. It begins with a truth.

What seeds are we scattering?

II. TRUST THAT THERE IS GROWTH EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE ANYTHING HAPPENING (Mark 4:27-29)

The seed doesn't need our stress, it needs our surrender.

III. YOU MIGHT NOT SEE THE IMPACT BUT THE RESULT IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK (Mark 4:30-32; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

Be faithful with the seed and trust God with the results.

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Group Discussion

Read Mark 4:26–34.

1. What are the two parables Jesus tells in this section? How are they similar? How are they different? Why do you think Jesus used agricultural metaphors to describe God's Kingdom? How do these two parables connect with the Parable of the Sower in Mark 4:1–20?

2. In the parable of the growing seed (Mark 4:26–29), what does the farmer do after planting the seed? What does the farmer not do? What does this tell us about the nature of growth in this parable?

3. How does our modern culture's demand for instant results challenge the way Jesus describes Kingdom growth here? Where in your life are you “sowing the Word” — in a conversation, a relationship, a prayer, a habit?

4. In what small, hidden ways have you seen God at work in your life recently?

5. In the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30–32), why does Jesus emphasize about the beginning of the mustard seed compared to its eventual size? What does this say about the ultimate impact of God's work—even if it begins small?

6. How do these parables challenge you, personally? In what ways do these parables give you hope or patience for areas where growth seems slow or uncertain in your life or church community?

7. After a week of national elections (or personal highs/lows), how does this passage realign your focus as a follower of Jesus? Where is your hope truly rooted?

Next Steps

The Word is the seed, the Kingdom is the result.

- I will sow the Word faithfully.
- I will trust God with the results/growth.
- I will embrace Kingdom patience.
- I will be attentive to small “kingdom moments” — small opportunities to serve, love, or speak truth.
- I will recenter my hope and trust in God's Kingdom and the kingdoms of this world.

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SERMON NOTES

I. IPABANWAG ANG KAHAYAG NI HESUS

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Tumana ug Sunda ang Matuod.

III. DAWATA ANG PAGTAWAG NI HESUS

Pagmasinugtanon sa Pagtulo-an

“Ang atong misyon isip simbahan mao ang “pag-ila kang Kristo ug pagpahibalo ug pagpaila kaniya ngadto sa uban”. Kon unsa ka maayo ang atong pagkaila kaniya nagdepende kon giunsa nato Siya pag-ila.”

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Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Marcos 4:21-25.

1. Sa bersikulo 21, nangutana si Jesus, "Gidala ba ang lampara aron ibutang ilalom sa bukag, o ilalom sa higdaanan, ug dili sa tungtonganan?" Unsa ang gisimbolohan sa lampara ug sa baroganan niini nga konteksto? Sa adlaw ni Jesus, sa unsang paagi gigamit ang lampara? Nganong hinungdanon ang maong detalye sa pagsabot sa iyang punto?

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3. Hunahunaa ang mga pulong nga "Hunahunaa pag-ayo ang imong nadungog." Unsa sa imong hunahuna ang gipasabut sa tinuod nga "makadungog" sa pulong sa Dios? Sa unsa nga paagi kita makapraktis sa tinuyo nga pagpaminaw sa Dios ug sa uban sa usa ka nalinga nga kalibutan?

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SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

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- Maghimo kog luna alang sa Pulong sa Diyos sa akong kinabuhi.
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SERMON NOTES

What are we doing with God's Word?

I. THE WORD IS MEANT TO BE REVEALED, NOT HIDDEN (Mark 4:21-22)

God's truth is not meant as a private treasure but a public light.

The Word shines brightest in a life that lives it.

II. YOU GET OUT OF GOD'S WORD WHAT YOU PUT IN IT (Mark 4:23-24)

Your experience of the Word will depend on the attentiveness and intentionality you bring to it.

III. IF YOU IGNORE THE WORD, YOU WILL LOSE IT (Mark 4:25)

What you respond to, grows. What you ignore, fades.



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For the week of May 12–18, 2025
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Getting Started

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you ever hidden something and completely forgotten where you put it? What was it and what happened to it?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 4:21–25.

1. In verse 21, Jesus asks, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand?” What does the lamp and the stand symbolize in this context? In Jesus’ day, how was a lamp used? Why is that detail important for understanding his point?

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3. Think about the phrase “Consider carefully what you hear.” What do you think it means to truly “hear” God’s word? How can we practice intentional listening to God and others in a distracted world?

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6. How consistent are you in reading and reflecting on God’s Word? Share to the group your daily routine. Would you say that you are growing in the Word? Why or why not?

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Next Steps

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SERMON NOTES

Tulo ka bahin

1. Ang Magpupugas – naghulagway kang Ginoong Hesus.

2. Ang Liso – nagpresentar sa Pulong sa Dios nga gitiskok sa Magpupugas.

3. Ang Yuta – naghulagway sa naglainlaing mga kasing kasing sa tawo diing gitiskok sa Magpupugas ang Liso.

Upat ka matang sa Yuta

- Daplin sa dalan
- Kabato-an
- Kasampinitan
- Maayong yuta

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Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Mateo 13:3-20; Marcos 4:1-20; Lucas 8:4-15.

1. Gikan sa interpretasyon ni Jesus sa sambingay, unsay girepresentahan sa mosunod: (a) binhi, (b) magpupugas; (c) yuta; (d) mga liso sa dalan; (e) mga liso sa batoon nga mga dapit; (f) mga liso sa mga tunok; (g) maayong yuta.

2. Si Jesus nag-asoy bahin sa usa ka mag-uuma nga nagpugas ug binhi sa iyang umahan. Aduna bay bisan unsa nga makapahinganha kung giunsa niya pagsabwag ang liso? Unsa ang gisulti niini mahitungod sa Dios? Ug unsa ang gisulti niini mahitungod sa kon sa unsang paagi kita angay nga makigbahin sa atong pagtuo?

3. Unsaon nimo paghanduraw ang usa ka tawo diin ang mga liso mahulog sa dalan? Basaha ang 2 Timoteo 2:24-26. Unsa ang panglantaw sa Bibliya niadtong wala motuo sa Diyos? Unsa ang mga paagi nga ang atong mga kasingkasing mahimong matig-a? Ingong usa ka Kristohanon, sa unsang paagi ikaw maningkamot sa pagpahumok sa imong kasingkasing aron ikaw makahimo sa pagtubag sa Pulong sa Diyos?

4. Ang batoon nga yuta nakadawat sa liso uban ang kalipay apan ang tanum malaya kon ang mga pagsulay ug mga kalisdanan moabut. Nasinati na ba nimo ang mga pagsulay nga nakapaduol nimo o nagpahilayo nimo sa Diyos? Sa unsang paagi kini nakaapekto sa imong pagtuo?

5. Ang binhi nga nahulog sa mga tunok natuok sa mga kabalaka, bahandi ug mga tinguha sa kinabuhi. Unsa ang pipila niining mga tunok nga giatubang sa mga Kristohanon sa kalibotan karon? Niining tulo ka mga lugar, asa man ang labing lisud nga pakigbisog? Ngano man?

6. Giunsa paghulagway sa Lucas 8:15 ang maayong yuta? Unsa ang papel sa pagpailub ug paglahutay sa pagpatunghag maayong ani?

7. Giunsa nimo paghatag ug pagtagad ang Diyos ug ang iyang Pulong? Unsa ang nagpugong kanimo nga mahisama sa maayong yuta? Unsaon nimo pag-ugmad ang yuta sa imong kasingkasing aron mahimong mabungahon? Unsa ang hitsura niana sa imong adlaw-adlaw nga kinabuhi sugod ugma?

SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

Kita ang magdesisyon kung unsang klase kita na yuta.

- Maggahin ako ug panahon uban sa Diyos diha sa pagpamalandong sa iyang Pulong ug pag-ampo ug tinuyo nga mag-ugmad sa yuta sa akong kasingkasing aron makadungog kaniya.
- Mangita ko og mga oportunidad sa pagpugas sa binhi karong semanaha sa akong dili magtutuo nga mga higala.
- Magmaalerto ko sa mga makabalda sa akong kinabuhi (e.g. social media, telebisyon, _____). Akong pulihan kini ug mogahin ug panahon uban sa Diyos.
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Three variables in the illustration:

1. **Seed** - Word of God.
2. **Sower** - first and foremost, is Christ, and anyone who shares the Word of God.
3. **Soil** - represents the heart.

We decide the type of soil that we will be.

Two thoughts on how God wants the Word (seed) to take root and grow in our hearts (soil) so that we can become fruitful.

A. The Word doesn't become fruitful without our COOPERATION (Mark 4:20)

Three perspectives on the **Cultivated Heart**.

Mark 4:20 - "...hear the word, accept it..."

Matthew 13:23 - "...the man who hears the word and understands it."

Luke 8:15 - "...who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering..."

In order for us to bear fruit and grow into maturity, our hearts must accept, understand and hold fast to God's Word with perseverance.

B. We must BEWARE the obstacles that will obstruct the Word's fruitfulness.

Three responses to the Word that we must beware of...

1. The **Hardened Heart** (Mark 4:15) - "...seed along the path, where the word is sown."
2. The **Shallow Heart** (Mark 4:16-17) - "...like the seed sown on rocky places ... they have no root..."
3. The **Divided Heart** (Mark 4:18-19) - "...hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word..."

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“THE SOIL OF A FRUITFUL HEART”

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If you were to become a farmer, what kind of crop(s) would you like to raise? Why?

Group Discussion

Read Matthew 13:3–20; Mark 4:1–20; Luke 8:4–15.

1. From Jesus’ interpretation of the parable, what do the following represent: (a) seed, (b) sower, (c) soil, (d) seeds on the road/path, (e) seeds on the rocky places, (f) seeds on the thorns, (g) good soil.

2. Jesus tells of a farmer who is sowing seed in his field. Is there anything striking about how he is scattering the seed? What does this say about God? And what does this say about how we should share our faith?

3. How would you picture a person where the seeds fall on the path? Read 2 Timothy 2:24–26. What is the Bible’s perspective on those who don’t believe in God? What are the ways that our hearts become hardened? As a Christian, how can you work to soften your heart so that you are able to respond to God’s Word?

4. The rocky soil receives the seed with joy but the plant withers when trials and tribulations come. Have you experienced trials that brought you closer to or pushed you away from God? How have these affected your faith?

5. The seed that fell on thorns were choked by life’s worries, riches and desires. What are some of these thorns that the Christians face in the world today? Of these three areas, which is the most difficult struggle with? Why?

6. How does Luke 8:15 describe the good soil? What is the role of patience and perseverance in producing a good crop?

7. How do you pay attention to God and his Word? What is keeping you from being like the good soil? How can you cultivate the soil of your heart to be productive? What will that look like in your daily life beginning tomorrow?

Next Steps

We decide the type of soil that we will be.

- I will carve out time with God in the meditation of his Word and prayer and will intentionally cultivate the soil of my heart in order to hear him.
- I will seek for opportunities to sow the seed this week to my unbelieving friends.
- I will be alert of distractions in my life (e.g. social media, television, _____). I will replace these and spend time with God.
- I will surrender _____ this area to the Lord.

Closing the Session

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Pagpalapad sa Misyon: Mapadayag ang Ginghamian
Pastor Matt Sr. | Abril 27, 2025 | Marcos 3:20-35

SERMON NOTES

I. Maayo Ang Tinguha, Sayop nga Pagpakabana.

Ang pamilya ni Jesus ug ang mga eskriba nga taga-Jerusalem nag-akusar kaniya nga dili maayo ang pangisip ug gigamhan ni Beelzebul.

II. Dayag nga kamatuoran, gisalikway ang tinubdan.

Dayag na kaayo ang kamatuoran apan wala nila ilha ang tinubdan sa kamatuoran nga mao ang Dios ug maoy hinundan sa pagsalikway nila sa kamatuoran.

*Mahinungdanon nga timan-an nga kini "dili mapasaylo nga sala" dili bahin sa usa ka sayup o pagkapakyas sa paghukom, apan **usa ka tinuyo ug padayon nga pagsalikway sa kamatuoran ug buhat sa Dios.***

III. Tiunay ug Bug-os, ang Pamilya sa Dios.

APLIKASYON:

*Kini nga pagtulon-an nag-aghat kanato sa paghunahuna kon giunsa nato paghulagway ang pamilya ug kon ang atong mga relasyon tinuod ba nga nakagamot diha sa pagsunod sa **kabubut-on sa Dios.***

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Alang sa Pagsugod

Ngadto sa facilitator: Gamita kini nga seksyon sa pagpaila sa hilisgutan. Kon mahimo, paghatag ug mubo nga recap sa sermon.

Pagpaambit og usa ka halandumon nga punto, usa ka espirituhanon nga leksyon, usa ka personal nga aplikasyon, usa ka pangutana, o usa ka butang nga nakahagit kanimo gikan sa wali sa miaging Domingo.

Unsa ang usa ka butang nga gibuhay sa imong pamilya o mga higala nga ingon medyo “buang-buang” sa mga tagagawas, apan gibati nimo nga normal lang?

Discussion sa Grupo

Basaha Marcos 3:20-35

1. Ang pamilya ni Jesus misulay sa pagkuha kaniya tungod kay sila naghunahuna nga siya “nabuang.” Ngano sa imong hunahuna nga ingon niini ang ilang reaksiyon? Unsay gipadayag niini bahin sa ilang pagsabot sa iyang mga lihok?

2. Mibati ka na ba sukad nga napugos sa pagpahiuyon sa mga pagdahom sa uban—sama sa gihimo sa pamilya ni Jesus kaniya? Giunsa nimo pagdumala ang maong situwasyon, ug unsay imong nakat-onan niini?

3. Unsa ang gipasabut sa mga pulong nga “pagpasipala batok sa Balaang Espiritu” sa konteksto niini (b. 28–30)? Unsay wala ipasabot niini?

4. Gitawag sa mga lider sa relihiyon ang buhat sa Diyos nga sa demonyo. Nakasulay ka na ba sa pagsalikway sa usa ka butang nga gibuhay sa Dios tungod kay kini wala mohaum sa imong mga gilauman? Sa unsang paagi kita magbantay batok sa gahi nga kasingkasing? (Tan-awa ang Salmo 95:7–8 para sa mga clue.)

5. Unsay buot ipasabot ni Jesus sa dihang naghisingot siya bahin sa “balay nga nabahin batok sa iyang kaugalingon” (b. 25)? Sa unsang paagi kini nga baruganan magamit sa mga pamilya, simbahan, o komunidad karon?

6. Giunsa paghubad ni Jesus ang “pamilya” sa vv. 33–35? Ngano nga kini rebolusyonaryo alang sa iyang mga tigpaminaw ug bisan alang kanato karon?

7. Ikaw ba mas lagmit nga nanlimbasug sa “pagsulay sa pag-angkon sa imong dapit sa pamilya sa Dios”, o “pagkuha sa imong dapit sa pamilya”? Unsa ang imong pagsabot sa mga pulong ni Jesus sa dihang siya miingon nga “Bisan kinsa nga nagabuhay sa kabubut-on sa Dios, siya mao ang akong igsoong lalaki ug babaye ug inahan”?

SUNOD NGA MGA LAKANG

Ang pagkaduol kang Jesus dili katumbas sa pagkasuod kang Jesus.

- Ako magbantay batok sa pagbatok sa buhat sa Balaang Espiritu.
- Motubag ko agig pagsunod sa mga sugo sa Diyos.
- Ako mamuhunan sa akong espirituwal nga pamilya.
- Ako mogakos sa tawag sa pagsunod kang Hesus.

ALANG SA PAGTAPOS

Tapusa ang sesyon pinaagi sa paggahin og panahon sa pag-ampo alang sa usag usa. Ikonsiderar ang mosunod samtang mag-ampo ka:

- Pag-ampo nga mabuhi isip usa ka tinuod nga anak nga lalaki/babaye sa Dios.
- Pag-ampo alang sa mga relasyon nga motubo uban sa ubang mga sumusunod ni Kristo, nga kamo magdasig ug mag-atiman sa usag usa.
- Pag-ampo alang sa imong wala pa naluwas nga pamilya, mga higala, ug mga minahal.
- Pag-ampo alang sa proteksyon, probisyon, pag-ayo ug kahupayan alang sa tanan nga nag-antus sa pisikal, emosyonal, mental ug espirituhanong kasakit.

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Resurrection Sunday Service

Pastor Nic Sy | April 20, 2025 | Luke 22:39-46

SERMON NOTES



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TWELVE ORDINARY MEN; ONE EXTRAORDINARY GOD

Expanding The Misson: The Kingdom Unfolds (Series)
Bro Arnold Alo | April 13, 2025 | Mark 3:7-19

SERMON NOTES

We need Someone extraordinary that would change us, our lives, into something new - something extraordinary! That extraordinary Someone is Jesus.

Our extraordinary God uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary work in this world.

I. OUR EXTRAORDINARY GOD (Mark 3:7-12)

1. The Context: A Divine Disruption (verses 7-8)

Are you seeking Jesus? Do you love Him? Will you allow Him to disrupt your spirit to prepare you for something extraordinary?

2. The Crowds: Seeking but not Understanding (verses 9-10)

Jesus is offering something far more amazing and profound - something that would change us from the inside-out - something that would last beyond our lifetime: total spiritual restoration and transformation by believing and accepting Him as Lord and Savior!

3. The Son of God: Our Extraordinary God (verses 11-12)

Jesus was no ordinary man. He was and is the extraordinary, one true God!

II. TWELVE ORDINARY MEN (Mark 3:13-18)

1. The Call (verse 13)

2. The Commission (verses 14-15)

3. The Twelve (verses 16-18)

How ordinary were the 12? Can you relate?

The apostles were "giants" of the faith. We look up to them and we should desire to be like them. But their stature is not measured by who they were but because of who Jesus is.

The apostles were great because Jesus was great.

They were considered extraordinary because of their extraordinary God.

ENDING THOUGHT

Our extraordinary God uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary work in this world.

God calls ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary Great Commission.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

OUR MISSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
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“TWELVE ORDINARY MEN; ONE EXTRAORDINARY GOD”

Getting Started

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Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you ever been given a nickname that was based on something about your personality or something you did? Did you like that nickname?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 3:7-19

1. Mark tells us that large crowds were following Jesus. The crowds followed Jesus because of his miracles. How can we ensure our faith is rooted in who Jesus is, not just what he does?
2. What is significant about Jesus choosing the apostles “whom he desired” (v. 13 ESV)? In John 15:16, Jesus says “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you...” What does this say about God’s initiative in calling people? How does this illuminate what we see happening in Mark 3:13–19?
3. Read Luke 6:12–13. What do you notice about Jesus’ process in choosing the Twelve? Why do you think solitude and prayer were so important for Jesus’ decision-making process? How can we apply this practice to our own lives?
4. Think about the diversity among the Twelve—fishermen, tax collectors, zealots. What challenges might they have faced working together? How does this encourage or challenge you in your relationships with fellow believers who are different from you?

5. Reflect on the fact that Jesus didn’t just teach the Twelve but also wanted them to “be with him” (v. 14). What does it mean to truly “be with Jesus”? How do you prioritize spending meaningful time with him? Share a recent testimony.

6. Look at the list of the Twelve apostles again. Some became heroes of the faith; others faltered or betrayed Jesus. What lessons can we learn from the fact that Jesus chose imperfect men to carry out his mission? How does this remind us of grace in our own imperfections?

7. In verse 19, Mark briefly mentions Judas Iscariot as one who would later betrayed Jesus. Knowing his eventual choice, why do you think Jesus still included him among the Twelve? What does this say about Jesus’ willingness to give everyone a chance to follow him faithfully?

Next Steps

“The Kingdom of God advances not through celebrity but through ordinary people committed to an extraordinary calling.” — Eugene Peterson

- I will prioritize being with Jesus.
- I will embrace God’s calling for my life.
- I will live in community and walk this faith journey with fellow believers.
- I will pray before I make decisions.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for hearts that desire to be with Jesus, willing and obedient to his call, and empowered for his mission.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

April 14	Mark 3:7-19
April 15	Acts 4:8-13
April 16	Psalms 139:13-18
April 17	Matthew 10:5-15
April 18	Psalms 133:1-3
April 19	Psalms 53:1-6
April 20	Matthew 28:1-10

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JESUS, LORD OF THE SABBATH

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Bro Jeremy Leones | April 6, 2025 | Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-6

SERMON NOTES

Real rest only comes from Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath.

I. JESUS' ANNOUNCEMENT (Mark 2:23-28)

"Sabbath" = Hebrew word "Shabbat" means "to cease" or "to rest."

Be careful not to transfer authority of a Biblical command to its practice.

The Sabbath is a gift from God, meant to bless, not to burden.

Since God instituted the Sabbath and Jesus is claiming authority over it, He is asserting that He is God Himself because only God could be Lord of the Sabbath.

II. JESUS' DEMONSTRATION (Mark 3:1-6)

Jesus demonstrated His authority as the Lord of the Sabbath by healing the man with the withered hand.

Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath is our rest.

- Rest in His salvation
- Rest in His presence
 - In His Word
 - In prayer
- Rest in His Care

ENDING THOUGHT

Before God can make a beautiful symphony of our lives, we must find our complete rest in His Son first.

"Come to me. I will give you rest. I am Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath. I am your rest."



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
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“JESUS, LORD OF THE SABBATH”

Getting Started

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If you could design a “perfect” day off, what would it look like?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 2:23-3:6

1. What was the accusation of the Pharisees against Jesus' disciples in Mark 2:23–24? How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees in Mark 2:25–26? What was the context of David's actions in that story (1 Samuel 21:1–6)? What point might Jesus be making by referencing this event?

2. Jesus says, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27). How can this principle shape your approach to rest and worship?

3. Jesus asks, “Is it lawful to save life or kill on the Sabbath?” (Mark 3:4). How does this question expose the hypocrisy of the Pharisees? What are some ways people today can become overly focused on “rules” and miss the heart of God?

4. Jesus was both angry and grieved by the hardness of the Pharisees' hearts (Mark 3:5). Can you think of a time when you struggled with a hardened heart and how God dealt with you? What do you think are the marks of a hardened heart?

5. The Pharisees, who were supposed to be religious leaders, ended up plotting evil (Mark 3:6). How can we guard ourselves from becoming so focused on being “right” that we miss what God is doing?

6. The Pharisees immediately conspire with the Herodians (v. 6), an unlikely alliance. What does this teach us about how fear or anger can unite opposing groups? How should Christians respond when their convictions lead to opposition?

7. How can we cultivate a heart that balances respect for God's commands with compassion for the needs of others? Share some practical steps we can take this week to live out this balance.

Next Steps

“A heart that is soft toward God is never hard toward people.” — A.W. Tozer

- I will guard against hardness in my heart.
- I will cultivate a heart of compassion.
- I will find my rest in Christ alone.
- I will embrace Jesus as Lord of the Sabbath.
- I will choose compassion over judgment.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray to be a Christian who loves as Jesus loves, extends grace when needed, and puts faith into action.
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BIBLE READING GUIDE

April 7	Mark 2:23-3:6
April 8	Genesis 2:1-3
April 9	Psalms 96:6-11
April 10	Colossians 2:16-17
April 11	James 2:12-13
April 12	Psalms 52:1-9
April 13	John 12:42-43

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EMBRACING THE NEW

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | March 30, 2025 | Mark 2:18-22

SERMON NOTES

Jesus didn't come to give more religion, he came to give himself.

I. WEDDING FEAST: JESUS BRINGS JOY, NOT RITUAL (Mark 2:19-20)

Jesus doesn't want you as a religious follower, he wants you as his beloved.

Jesus didn't come to invite you into a ritual, he came to invite you into a relationship.

Jesus didn't come to weigh you down with more religious expectations. He came to give you himself.

II. UNSHRUNK CLOTH: JESUS BRINGS REPLACEMENT, NOT PATCHWORK (Mark 2:21)

Jesus won't be a side dish. He is the meal.

He is not an add-on to our plans. He is the plan.

He's not a booster to make our lives better. He is the very foundation of life itself.

Jesus didn't come to be an add-on to an old framework. He came to replace it with himself.

III. FRESH WINESKIN: JESUS BRINGS NEWNESS, NOT RESTRAINT (Mark 2:22)

God is doing something new—are we ready for it?

If you cling too tightly to the old, you might miss out on the new.

New wine is coming—whether we're ready for it or not. Jesus is always on the move. The only question is, will we be vessels that he can use?

ENDING THOUGHT

Are you a raft, just floating along, content with the way things are? Or are you a sailboat, catching the wind of the Spirit, ready to go where Jesus leads?

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“EMBRACING THE NEW”

Getting Started

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What’s something new you were hesitant to try but ended up loving?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 2:18-22

1. Why were people questioning Jesus about fasting? What does their question reveal about their expectations of him? Was Jesus saying that fasting is wrong?
2. In giving the first illustration, Jesus uses the analogy of a wedding feast. Read John 3:29 and Revelation 19:6–9. How is Jesus portrayed in these passages, and what does this tell us about the significance of his presence in our lives?
3. If Jesus is the bridegroom and we, the Church, are his bride, what does it look like to live in daily anticipation of his return (like a bride awaiting her wedding day)?
4. The unshrunk cloth represents something incompatible with the old garment. How do people try to do this today (e.g. by adding, upgrading, blending, patching Jesus into their old ways)? How does this illustration challenge the human tendency to create religious “shortcuts” or attempts to maintain appearances instead of being real?

5. What are wineskins, and how were they used in Jesus’ time? What were the properties of old wineskins compared to new ones? How does this illustration demonstrate the dynamic nature of spiritual life?

6. This illustration teaches that new wine requires flexibility and openness to new things God is doing in your life. In what areas of your faith can this be difficult for you? Why?

7. In today’s study, what is one key truth that stood out to you? How does it challenge or encourage you? Is there a specific step of faith or change God is prompting you to make after studying today’s passage? How can the group pray for you in this?

Next Steps

Jesus didn’t come to give more religion, he came to give himself.

- I will prioritize my relationship with Jesus over “doing church.”
- I will let Jesus transform me completely and not superficially.
- I will ask God to reveal any area where I am resistant to his new work.
- I will take a step of faith into the “new” that God is calling me to.

Closing the Session

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March 31	Mark 2:18-22
April 1	Ezekiel 36:25-27
April 2	Psalms 16:5-11
April 3	Hebrews 8:6-13
April 4	John 7:37-39
April 5	Psalms 51:1-19
April 6	Psalms 62:5-8

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WHEN THE LORD SHOWS COMPASSION

Padim Israel (Guest Speaker) | March 23, 2025 | John 5:1-17

SERMON NOTES

Fundamental Dynamics of the Sabbath (Deut 5:15; John 5:1-17)
The Lord is not just sympathetic nor empathetic, but compassionate...
(Matt 14:14; Mark 1:41).

I. THE LORD HAS FULL KNOWLEDGE OF OUR NEED (John 5:5-6,14)

*Jesus sees you and understands your struggle.
Jesus sees the depth of your suffering.
Jesus understands your true needs.
SAW...AND KNEW* (Matt 14:14, 9:36)

The Lord knows what your situation, circumstance, problem is, he knows what needs to be done, how it is to be done... Shouldn't this be a fundamental motivation to pray and have faith?! (Matt 6:7-8)

II. THE LORD HAS MERCY AND GRACE FOR OUR NEED (John 5:6-9)

A. Jesus purposely came to him (Ps 34:18)

The Lord has the propensity of coming in our darkest hour! Why? Because there is the propensity for us to be broken and humble.

Humility is a prelude to faith, and faith is a channel for grace. (Jas 4:6; Eph 2:8)

B. Jesus asked him... "Do you wish to get well?"

Why? To have a look at Jesus.

Jesus full of grace and truth helped him find the way.

III. THE LORD HAS POWER OVER OUR NEED (John 5:8-9)

*The Lord's Word has power.
When Jesus Christ speaks, lives are changed.
And change is one fundamental element of a miracle.*

IV. THE LORD HAS A PURPOSE WITH OUR NEED (John 5:10-15)

*Jesus calls us to walk in righteousness and as witnesses.
Our testimony should point to Christ.*

Our experiences of Christ's compassion should lead us to glorify him and share his GRACIOUSNESS, MERCY, with others...FOR THIS BESPEAKS OF HIM BEING REDEMPTIVE...
(Romans 2:4)

THE LORD SEES YOU TODAY, HE KNOWS YOUR NEED
THE LORD IS ASKING IF YOU WANT HELP

OUR MISSION

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“WHEN THE LORD SHOWS COMPASSION”

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Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share a time when someone’s unexpected help or kindness made a significant difference for you.

Group Discussion

Read John 5:1-17

1. What do we know about the pool of Bethesda from the text? Why did many people gather there? How does the idea of waiting by the pool for healing compare to how people today seek solutions to their problems? Are there similar “pools” we rely on instead of turning directly to God?
2. Why do you think Jesus asked the man, “Do you want to be well?” (v. 6) instead of simply healing him? Doesn’t this seem obvious? What does the man’s response reveal about his mindset? Is he expressing hopelessness, resignation, or something else entirely?
3. The Jewish leaders questioned Jesus’ authority to heal on the Sabbath. Was Jesus just being a renegade? What was he trying to prove? (Read Exodus 20:8–11, Deuteronomy 5:12–15)
4. The Jewish leaders focused on the fact that the man was carrying his mat on the Sabbath (John 5:10). Why do you think they were more concerned about the rules than the miracle that had just happened? When have you missed seeing God’s work because you were focused on less important details?

5. What do you think Jesus meant by the warning in verse 14? How does physical healing relate to spiritual health? Why do you think Jesus sought out the man after the healing?

6. Verse 15 tells us the man went away and told the Jewish leaders it was Jesus who had healed him. Was this an act of gratitude, betrayal, or something else? How do you respond when Jesus works in your life—do you give him credit publicly?

7. How does Jesus’ statement in verse 17 challenge the religious leaders’ views on the Sabbath? How does this challenge or encourage your understanding of God’s ongoing work in your life and in the world?

Next Steps

The Lord is not just sympathetic nor empathetic, but compassionate.

- I will take steps of obedience to Jesus.
- I will practice Sabbath rest with a purpose and not legalistically.
- I will respond to Jesus’ invitation for healing and restoration.
- I will testify of God’s work in my life.
- Like Jesus, I will intentionally seek out the overlooked.

Closing the Session

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BIBLE READING GUIDE

March 24	John 5:1-17
March 25	Deut 30:19-20
March 26	Luke 14:12-14
March 27	2 Kings 5:9-14
March 28	Joel 2:25-27
March 29	Psalms 50:1-23
March 30	Isaiah 29:13-16

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MERCY AT THE TAX BOOTH

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | March 16, 2025 | Mark 2:13-17

SERMON NOTES

I. JESUS PURSUES THE BROKEN (Mark 2:13-14)

The world sees what you are; but Jesus sees what you can become.

The issue isn't "Am I messed up enough to need Jesus?" The real question is "Do I recognize that without him, I'm lost?"

II. JESUS PROVOKES THE PROUD (Mark 2:15-17; Luke 5:29)

Jesus doesn't just call sinners from a distance—he steps into their world. He doesn't keep them at arm's length—he pulls up a chair at their table.

"sick" (Greek | kakós) = "badly off, miserable, in a bad condition."

"The proud person always wants to do the right thing, but they always want to do it their way. Humility means doing it God's way." - A.W. Tozer

Pride blinds us to our own need for grace.

III. JESUS PRIORITIZES THE MERCIFUL (Matthew 9:12-13)

"Mercy" (Hebrew | checed/hesed) also translated as "lovingkindness," "steadfast love," or "covenant faithfulness."

God is not impressed with religious activities if it doesn't produce a heart of compassion.

Mercy means not letting religion get in the way of love.

ENDING THOUGHT

Jesus didn't come for those who think they have it all together; he came for people who know they need him.



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“MERCY AT THE TAX BOOTH”

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What is one habit or hobby you’ve picked up recently that others might find surprising?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 2:13-17

1. Why do you think tax collectors like Levi were so despised in Jesus’ time? How does our society often respond to people who are perceived as “broken” or “sinners”? How does this contrast with Jesus’ response?

2. Sometimes people feel like they have to “clean up” their lives before coming to Jesus. How does this passage challenge that idea? What does Jesus’ willingness to eat with “tax collectors and sinners” reveal about his heart? What does it teach us about his definition of “worthy”?

3. What specific actions or statements by the Pharisees reveal their pride? When have you seen pride masquerading as “righteousness” in modern contexts? How can we guard against this?

4. How does humility open us up to receiving God’s grace and mercy? Think of a time when Jesus exposed pride in your own heart. How did you respond?

5. In Hosea 6:6, the prophet was speaking to Israel at a time when they were religiously active but spiritually unfaithful. How were the Pharisees in Jesus’ time making the same mistake?

6. Have you ever found yourself focusing more on religious activities (e.g. church attendance, Bible reading, serving, etc.) while neglecting to show mercy and love to others? How can we guard against this?

7. Levi left everything behind to follow Jesus. What might “leaving everything” look like for you today? What are things that might be hard to let go of in order for you to follow Jesus more fully?

Next Steps

Jesus didn’t come for those who think they have it all together; he came for people who know they need him.

- I will reflect on my own need for Jesus.
- I will show mercy instead of judgment by extending grace in a real way.
- I will step out of my comfort zone and spend time with someone who might feel like an outsider.
- I will let go of religious performance.
- I will follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for love that moves from words into action and wholehearted gratitude for the mercy that Jesus has extended to you.
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March 17	Mark 2:13-17
March 18	Hosea 6:1-6
March 19	Luke 15:1-7
March 20	Micah 6:6-8
March 21	Matthew 11:28-30
March 22	Psalms 49:1-20
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FAITH THAT WALKS: WHEN JESUS MEETS OUR GREATEST NEED

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | March 9, 2025 | Mark 2:1-12

SERMON NOTES

The most urgent need may not be your greatest need.

I. BELIEF THAT BRINGS (Mark 2:1-5; Hebrews 11:1)

Faith doesn't quit.

Faith isn't just something we believe in our hearts—it's something we do.

Faith is believing that God can, while trusting him even if he doesn't.

II. FORGIVENESS THAT FREES (Mark 2:5-9)

What we want isn't always what we truly need.

Our greatest need is not health, but holiness; not comfort, but Christ; not healing, but him.

III. POWER THAT PROVES (Mark 2:10-12)

Jesus didn't just heal the man to show compassion—he healed him to prove his authority.

ENDING THOUGHT.

Faith isn't about the size of our belief, it's about the object of our belief.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of March 10–16 2025

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What’s the most crowded place you’ve ever been in? Did you have to get creative to be able to do what you wanted to do?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 2:1-12.

1. We see the same story told in Matthew 9:1–8 and Luke 5:17–26. What additional details do these accounts provide, and how do they deepen your understanding of the event? What do we learn about Jesus’ reputation and popularity?
2. What do you think motivated the friends to bring the paralyzed man to Jesus? What does this tell us about their faith? What might have been going through the paralytic’s mind as these things happened? Verse 5 says, “*When Jesus saw their faith...*” How does this statement challenge the way we normally think about faith?
3. What does this passage teach us about the importance of community in our faith journey? How can we be like the friends who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus?
4. The religious leaders questioned Jesus’ authority to forgive sins (Mark 2:7). Why is it essential to believe that Jesus has the power to forgive? How does our understanding of sin affect our desire for forgiveness? Do we sometimes minimize our need for God’s mercy?

5. Jesus addressed the man’s spiritual need (forgiveness) before his physical need (healing). In what ways do we sometimes focus more on physical or temporary needs rather than our deeper spiritual needs? How might this order challenge the way we pray?

6. Jesus proved his authority by healing the paralyzed man, but we know that not every prayer is answered in the way we want. How do we trust in Jesus’ authority even when he doesn’t answer in the way we expect?

7. The witnesses were “amazed and glorified God.” What one recent testimony can you share to the group to glorify God?

Next Steps

Our greatest need isn’t a changed situation—it’s a changed heart.

- I will trust in Jesus’ authority over my life.
- I will bring others to Jesus.
- I will rest in the forgiveness that Christ has given.
- I will walk by faith and not by sight.
- I will trust that Jesus knows my greatest need and is working for my good.

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March 10	Mark 2:1-12
March 11	Luke 7:1-10
March 12	Luke 7:36-50
March 13	Isaiah 1:18-20
March 14	Jeremiah 32:16-25
March 15	Psalms 48:1-14
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THE TRANSFORMATIVE TOUCH OF JESUS

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | March 2, 2025 | Mark 1:40-45

SERMON NOTES

I. THE REQUEST OF THE UNCLEAN (Mark 1:40)

You don't have to fix yourself before coming to God. You don't have to clean yourself up before seeking Jesus. You just have to come.

Faith isn't about having all the answers; it's about trusting the One who does.

II. THE RESPONSE OF THE SAVIOR (Mark 1:41-42)

Jesus' miracles are not just displays of power. They are expressions of love.

III. THE REACTION OF THE HEALED (Mark 1:43-45)

Many come to Jesus for a miracle, but few stay for his mission.

True discipleship is more than being grateful, it's about following Jesus completely.



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“THE TRANSFORMATIVE TOUCH OF JESUS”

Getting Started

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What is one habit or characteristic that you picked up from a parent, friend or a loved one?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:40–45

1. Read Matthew 8:1–4, Mark 1:40–45, Luke 5:12–16. List down as many observations that you can about this story of the leprous man in his encounter with Jesus. What actions did Jesus take upon the man’s request? From your understanding of leprosy, why would Jesus’ actions be surprising?
2. What do we learn about the leper’s condition—physically, socially, and spiritually? Why was leprosy such a devastating disease in biblical times? (See Leviticus 13:45–46 for context.)
3. What would be the impact of Jesus’ touch and his words “I am willing; be clean!” to the leper? In this story, the leper reveals astonishing confidence in Jesus but at the same time, he defers to Jesus’ sovereignty (“If you are willing.”) What lesson does this teach us about all Christian prayers for healing?
4. After Jesus cleansed the leper, what instructions did he give to the leper? Why? Is there any significance that Jesus wanted the priests to know that he had performed this miracle? How did the leper respond to Jesus’ instructions?

5. The man’s disobedience, though understandable, hindered Jesus’ ministry. Have you ever seen how partial obedience (or even “well-meaning” disobedience) led to unintended consequences? How does 1 Samuel 15:22 and John 14:15 challenge us in our obedience to Christ?

6. The crowd probably gasped when Jesus graciously extended his hand and touched the unclean leper. What does this say about Jesus’ compassion? How have you experienced Christ’s compassion?

7. Where in your life do you need to ask God, “If you are willing” and trust in his response?

Next Steps

Jesus didn’t just speak healing; he touched the untouchable. Love is most powerful when it moves beyond words into action.

- I will come to Jesus honestly and humbly.
- I will extend compassion to the “untouchables” in my life.
- I will obey Jesus even when it’s hard.
- I will share what Jesus has done in my life.

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March 3	Mark 1:40–45
March 4	2 King 6:8–23
March 5	Psalms 34:17–22
March 6	1 Samuel 15:16–23
March 7	Matthew 18:21–35
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March 9	Colossians 3:12–13

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LIVING WITH JESUS' PRIORITIES

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | February 23, 2025 | Mark 1:29-39

SERMON NOTES

Jesus didn't live in reaction mode; he lived with intention.

I. SERVING OTHERS (Mark 1:29-34)

Service wasn't something Jesus fit into his life—it was his life.

Two aspects of Jesus' service:

- 1. Service is personal.**
- 2. Service that multiplies.**

Reflect: How can you serve today so that others can serve tomorrow?

II. SEEKING THE FATHER (Mark 1:35)

Jesus' time in prayer wasn't an afterthought; it was a priority.

Two aspects of Jesus' prayer life:

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Reflect: Will you carve out time to seek the Father—not just when you need something, but because you need him?

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If we don't create space for prayer, distractions will take that space.

Reflect:

Where is your quiet place?

Have you built habits that remove distractions?

III. STAYING ON MISSION (Mark 1:36-39)

Two aspects of Jesus' commitment:

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“LIVING WITH JESUS’ PRIORITIES”

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If you had an entire day with no responsibilities, how would you spend it?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:29-39

1. Mark tells us Jesus went “immediately” from the synagogue to Simon and Andrew’s house. What does this suggest about the pace of Jesus’ ministry? Why do you think Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law privately, but then served the crowds publicly? What does this tell us about him?

2. Where do you feel most comfortable to serve — in quiet, behind-the-scenes ways or in more visible ways? Why? What are the dangers that one has to watch out for when serving in either of these ways (i.e. behind-the-scenes vs limelight)?

3. Simon’s mother-in-law was healed and immediately began serving (Mark 1:31). What possible excuses could she have given not to serve? How has God worked in your life, and how is God using you to serve today? Do you find joy in serving?

4. Read Matthew 6:6. What does Jesus teach about prayer, and how do we see him live this out in Mark 1:35? How does this practice of Jesus relate to our own need for solitude and prayer?

5. Jesus said “no” to the crowds so that he could stay focused on his mission. If you are honest, would you say that you are living God’s purpose in your life? Why or why not?

6. Are there areas in your life where you need to say “no” to, in order to live out these three priorities of service, prayer and mission? What are some of those “distractions”? How can you refocus?

7. Mark in this passage shows us a day in the life of Jesus. What do you learn about Jesus’ rhythm of life in this passage? Why wasn’t he rushed or stressed? Why was he so motivated?

Next Steps

Jesus didn’t live in reaction mode; he lived with intention.

- I will serve God the best way that I can.
- I will prioritize prayer and communion with God.
- I will refocus on God’s mission for my life
- I will embrace balance and live out these three priorities (service, prayer and mission) in my life.

Closing the Session

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BIBLE READING GUIDE

February 24	Mark 1:29-34
February 25	Isaiah 6:1-8
February 26	Luke 18:1-8
February 27	Esther 4:12-17
February 28	Jonah 1:1-6
March 1	Psalms 46:1-11
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THE AUTHORITY BEHIND THE WORDS

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | February 16, 2025 | Mark 1:21-28

SERMON NOTES

Authority without expertise is dangerous. Expertise without authority is powerless.

I. JESUS' AUTHORITY IN TEACHING (Mark 1:22; Matthew 23:26)

Real holiness is not just about what you do or don't do, it's about who you are becoming.

II. JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER EVIL FORCES (Mark 1:23-26; Ephesians 6:12; Hebrews 2:14-15; John 8:36)

The good news is that Jesus' authority over evil is not just a past event; it is active today in our daily lives.

III. JESUS' AUTHORITY AND OUR RESPONSE (Mark 1:27-28; James 1:22)

It's one thing to be impressed by Jesus, but it's another to submit to him. It's one thing to talk about his power, but it's another to live under his authority.

Amazement doesn't transform us. Faith does.

- Amazement talks about Jesus, but faith walks with Jesus.
- Amazement is a feeling, but faith is an action.
- Amazement acknowledges his power, but faith submits to his authority.

ENDING THOUGHT

"The biggest threat to the church today is fans who call themselves Christians but aren't actually interested in following Christ. They want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires anything from them." - Kyle Idleman



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
For the week of February 17–23, 2025
“THE AUTHORITY BEHIND THE WORDS”

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Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:21-28

1. What does it mean that Jesus taught “as one who had authority”? How was this different from the teachers of the law? Why do you think the people were amazed at Jesus’ teaching even before the exorcism took place?
2. The people in the synagogue were amazed by Jesus’ teaching, but amazement doesn’t always lead to faith. Have you ever been inspired by something in Scripture but struggled to apply it? What holds you back from action?
3. Compare Mark 1:21–28 with Matthew 8:28–34 (the Gadarene demoniacs). What similarities and differences do you notice in how Jesus exercises his authority over demons in these two accounts? What do these encounters teach you about Jesus’ power and the nature of spiritual warfare?
4. Jesus’ authority over the unclean spirit shows that no power is greater than him. How does this truth give you confidence in facing struggles, temptations, or spiritual battles?

5. Just as the crowd spread the news about Jesus, each believer has a story of how they encountered him. What is one thing that God has worked in your life recently that you could share with the group?

6. How does this verse challenge you to examine your own understanding and response to Jesus’ authority? Are there areas in your life where you are hesitant to fully submit or surrender to him?

7. Compare Mark 1:28 with Mark 1:43–45. Why do you think Jesus sometimes tried to limit the spread of his fame? What lessons can you learn about humility and purpose? Serving quietly without recognition can be difficult. How can you find contentment in knowing that God sees and values your faithfulness, even if no one else notices?

Next Steps

Jesus doesn’t need more admirers – he calls us to be disciples. His authority is not just meant to be acknowledged; it is meant to be obeyed.

- I will move from amazement to obedience.
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Closing the Session

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CALLED TO SOMETHING GREATER

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | February 9, 2025 | Mark 1:14-20

SERMON NOTES

I. THE CALL TO REPENT AND BELIEVE (Mark 1:14-15)

"repent" (μετανοέω | metanoëó) = "to turn around; to turn away from one thing and turn toward another thing."

"believe" (πιστεύω | pisteuó) = "to act upon something, to enter into it."

Believing is not just something you have; it's something you do. It's a call to live out your faith every day.

II. THE CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS (Mark 1:16-20)

Jesus' call is always personal.

The call to follow is first a call to walk with Jesus, to know him, to be with him.

Jesus doesn't call us to part-time discipleship. He calls us to surrender everything.

Faith is not about having all the answers — it's about trusting the One who is leading you.

III. THE CALL TO A GREATER MISSION (Mark 1:17)

Where did we get the idea that we could follow Jesus and not be on mission? When did we separate the gospel of going to heaven from the gospel of going into the world?

The gospel isn't just about Jesus and me; it's about Jesus and his mission.

Many people today aren't asking if Christianity is true; they're asking if Christianity is real.

ENDING THOUGHT.

The call of Jesus is an invitation into a life that is not defined by what we accomplish on our own, but by the incredible journey he leads us on.



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If you could instantly learn a new skill, what would it be and why?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:14-20

1. Read Matthew 4:18–22. How does Matthew's account of Jesus calling his first disciples compare to Mark's account?
2. What does Jesus' message in verse 15 tell us about the nature of God's kingdom? What might this phrase have meant to those hearing it at that time? How is the call still relevant today?
3. Jesus calls Simon and Andrew, then James and John, to follow him. What do we know about these men? What might have been going through their minds as they made this decision? If you were in their shoes, would you hesitate, or would you immediately obey? Why?
4. The disciples immediately leave their nets and families to follow Jesus. What does this act of obedience teach us about the cost of discipleship? Is it always necessary to leave everything behind to follow Jesus? How can we apply the principle of immediate obedience to our own lives?

5. Read Matthew 13:47–50 and Jeremiah 16:16. How do these passages inform your understanding of what Jesus means by “fishing for men”?

6. Jesus doesn't just call us to follow him; he calls us to be part of his greater mission. The phrase “fishers of men” implies a change of focus from fish to people. In what ways might God be calling you to shift your focus in life from being self-oriented to more kingdom-focused?

7. Do you see yourself as part of God's mission in the world? What are the “nets” in your life — things that might be holding you back from fully following Jesus or pursuing his calling for you?

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The call of Jesus is an invitation into a life that is not defined by what we accomplish on our own, but by the incredible journey he leads us on.

- I will surrender fully to Jesus.
- I will spend time deepening my relationship with Jesus.
- I will identify and let go of the “nets” that prevents me from stepping into God's greater purposes.
- I will start living “on mission” today.
- I will say “yes” to what God calls me to do and not delay.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

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BIBLE READING GUIDE

February 10 **Mark 1:14-20**
February 11 **Genesis 12:1-9**
February 12 **Luke 9:57-62**
February 13 **Exodus 3:7-12**
February 14 **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
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February 16 **Matthew 6:31-34**

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LIVING OUT OUR INHERITANCE

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | February 2, 2025 | Mark 1:9-13

SERMON NOTES

Our spiritual inheritance comes with a purpose. We are not just passive recipients; we are called to live out this inheritance in a way that honors God.

Three distinctives about this inheritance:

I. BELOVED (Mark 1:9-11)

We don't have to strive for God's love; we already have it. We don't have to earn a place in his family; we've already been adopted.

God's love for us precedes our actions.

"To be a Christian means not only to believe that Christ is who he is but also to believe that I am who he says I am." - John Ortberg

II. BATTLE (Mark 1:12; Job 23:10; Genesis 22:12)

"Drove" (Greek ekballo) means "to cast out, to drive out, to send out, to expel."

In his sovereignty, God leads us into times of testing.

God doesn't test us to destroy us; he tests us to strengthen and prepare us.

God doesn't send us into trials without his presence.

III. BREAKTHROUGH (Mark 1:13; Matthew 4:1-11)

"The Word of God is the only sword that can cut through the lies of the enemy and bring victory to your soul." - A.W. Tozer

Our reliance in the Scriptures is a direct expression of our reliance in God himself.

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." - Charles Spurgeon

ENDING THOUGHT

You are Beloved. You are equipped for the Battle. And you have the promise of Breakthrough through Christ.



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"LIVING OUT OUR INHERITANCE"

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What's the longest you've ever gone without modern technology? What were the positives and negatives of the experience?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:9-13

1. Compare Jesus' baptism in Mark 1:9-11 with the account in Matthew 4:1-11. What similarities and differences do you observe? What do we learn about Jesus' identity in this event? How does Jesus' baptism connect with our baptism (see Romans 6:3-4)?
2. What was the significance of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove? Why do you think the Spirit *drove* Jesus into the wilderness rather than gently leading him there? What does this tell us about the role of the Spirit in testing?
3. Mark's account is brief, but Matthew 4:1-11 gives more details about Jesus' temptation. What were the specific temptations Jesus faced, and how did he respond? Which of the three temptations (physical needs, testing God, or seeking power) do you struggle with the most? Why?
4. How does Psalms 91:11-12 relate to Satan's misuse of Scripture in Matthew 4:6? What does this teach us about interpreting Scripture correctly? Did he use Scripture to trick Jesus? Or did he have another agenda/motive?

5. Jesus was publicly affirmed by the Father before facing temptation. How does knowing that we are loved by God help us stand firm in times of testing? Have you ever experienced a "wilderness" season in life — a time of difficulty, isolation, or testing? How did you see God's presence in that time?

6. Read Hebrews 4:15. How does Jesus' temptation in the wilderness contribute to his ability to sympathize with our weaknesses?

7. The text tells us that even Jesus as the Son of God (Mark 1:1) was not exempt from temptation. Does this scare you? How is this text meant to encourage you?

Next Steps

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- I will live out my identity as a child of God.
- I will put my trust in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, especially in times of trials and temptation.
- I will let the Word of God be my guide and source of wisdom.

Closing the Session

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BIBLE READING GUIDE

February 3 **Isaiah 42:1-4**
February 4 **Titus 1:1-4**
February 5 **1 Corinthians 10:12-14**
February 6 **Romans 8:35-39**
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CLEARING THE WAY FOR JESUS

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | January 26, 2025 | Mark 1:1-8

SERMON NOTES

Some facts about the gospel of Mark:

- Fast-paced, action-oriented.
- Sense of urgency.
- Written for the Gentiles.

Three key features about Mark's introduction.

I. THE PROCLAMATION (Mark 1:1)

Mark's message is clear: The arrival of Jesus is the best news humanity has ever received.

The gospel is good news meant to be responded to.

"The gospel is not just the ABCs of Christianity, but the A to Z of Christianity."
- Tim Keller

We must see the gospel as far more than an introduction. It's not just the foundation of our faith; it's the framework for everything we do as followers of Christ.

II. THE PREPARATION (Mark 1:2-7)

John the Baptist's role as the forerunner is not to be the focus, but to point others to Jesus.

What needs to be cleared away in our hearts so that we can receive the full work of God?

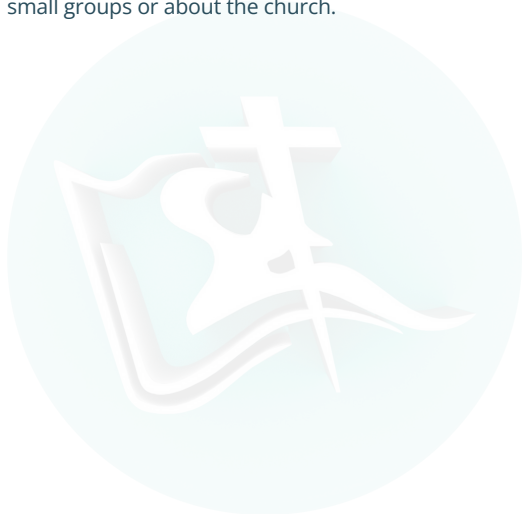
Self-reflection is not about self-condemnation but about humbly recognizing our need for God's ongoing work in our lives.

III. THE POWER (Mark 1:8, 1 Corinthians 1:17; Romans 8:9,14-16)

1. We must recognize our need of the Holy Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit is a Person.

We don't just depend on the Spirit for specific tasks; we depend on him for every moment of our lives.

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OUR MISSION

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Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:1-8

1. What does Mark mean by “the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God”? “Gospel” is, for us, very much a Christian word. But, like many of our Christian words, it was a normal word before it was a religious word. What does this word really mean?
2. Compare John’s baptism (Mark 1:4, see also Matthew 3:1–6) to Christian baptism today. How are they similar, and how are they different? (Consider Acts 19:1–5 for reference.)
3. John’s message was one of repentance. What does repentance look like in our daily lives? Why is it essential for preparing our hearts for Jesus? Why do you think it can be difficult to truly repent? What are some common obstacles we face when trying to turn away from sin?
4. John pointed people toward Jesus, not himself. What does John’s humility teach us about pointing others to Jesus? Why do you think John was so intentional about making sure the focus was not on him?

5. What are some practical ways we can point others to Jesus in our words, actions, and attitudes? For example:

- In the way we respond to success or praise.
- In how we speak about our faith to others.
- In the way we serve or work or study (as students).

6. What is the significance of John contrasting (his) water baptism with (Jesus’) baptism by the Holy Spirit? Why does this point to the greater ministry of Jesus?

7. What does it mean for you to live empowered by the Spirit in your relationships, workplace, and church?

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- I will live in light of the truths of the gospel of Jesus.
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January 28	Psalms 86:1–17
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January 31	Hebrews 4:14–16
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CLEARING THE WAY FOR JESUS

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)

Mark 1:1-8
January 26, 2025

Pastor Nic Sy

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Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

☐ Discipleship Orientation.

Inviting all who are interested to learn about DISCIPLESHIP, join the orientation on January 29, 2025. For inquiries, inquire from Bro Lawrence Santiago or our ushers.

☐ Leaders' Summit

All leaders (ministry heads, small group facilitators, core leaders and associates) are invited to attend the LEADERS SUMMIT on February 1, 2025, 2PM at our center.

☐ How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your prayer requests by text, by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our FB page.

☐ Discover life with our Small Groups.

We encourage you to join our small groups where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in our relationship with God together. To join a group, you may inquire from our volunteers at the Information Booth.

☐ Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship after the service. Take the opportunity to meet new friends or inquire about our small groups or about the church.

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM
Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

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Have you ever experienced a situation where you had to give up something important to you? What was it, and how did it affect you?

Group Discussion

Read Matthew 19:16-26.

1. What do you think the rich young ruler was really asking when he questioned Jesus about how to obtain eternal life? The young man claims he has kept all the commandments. Why might he have said this with confidence? How can we avoid self-deception about our own righteousness?

2. The rich young ruler went away sad (verse 22). In what areas of your life are you tempted to hold on to things too tightly, whether it's money, possessions, or relationships? Is there an area God is calling you to surrender in order to follow him more fully?

Next Steps

Don't let your past failures or your current reality define you. Let God define you. ☐

- *I will find my security in Christ alone.*
- *I will not let earthly things and pursuits take my focus away from Jesus.*

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January 21	Luke 12:15-21
January 22	Genesis 13:5-12
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