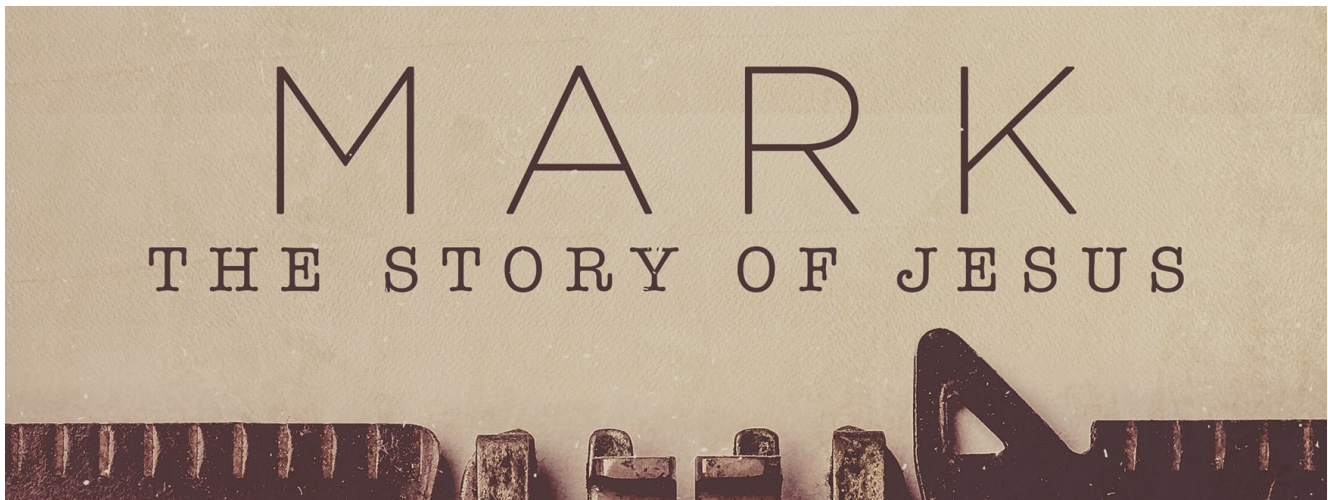


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

The Pharisees distorted Sabbath and weaponized it. Jesus understood God created Sabbath for the good of the people. They didn't see the world the way Jesus did. Eventually, their hearts grow so hard that they start to plot Jesus' death. The hardness of their hearts determined their ability to see.

READ MARK 2:23-3:6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sabbath was meant to help people, but the Pharisees used it to harm people. Are there any Christian practices you can think of that we have used for the wrong reasons?

Are there certain times where it's difficult for you to see what God is doing? What do those times look like?

Are there any patterns (attitude, environment, behavior) which trigger that blindness?

What steps could you take to reduce your exposure to those attitudes, environments, and behaviors that keep you from seeing/living into God's mission?

GROUP EXERCISE

Take some time as a group to brainstorm some "out" opportunities. What are some of those spaces where you can establish a consistent presence and build new relationships with others?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?