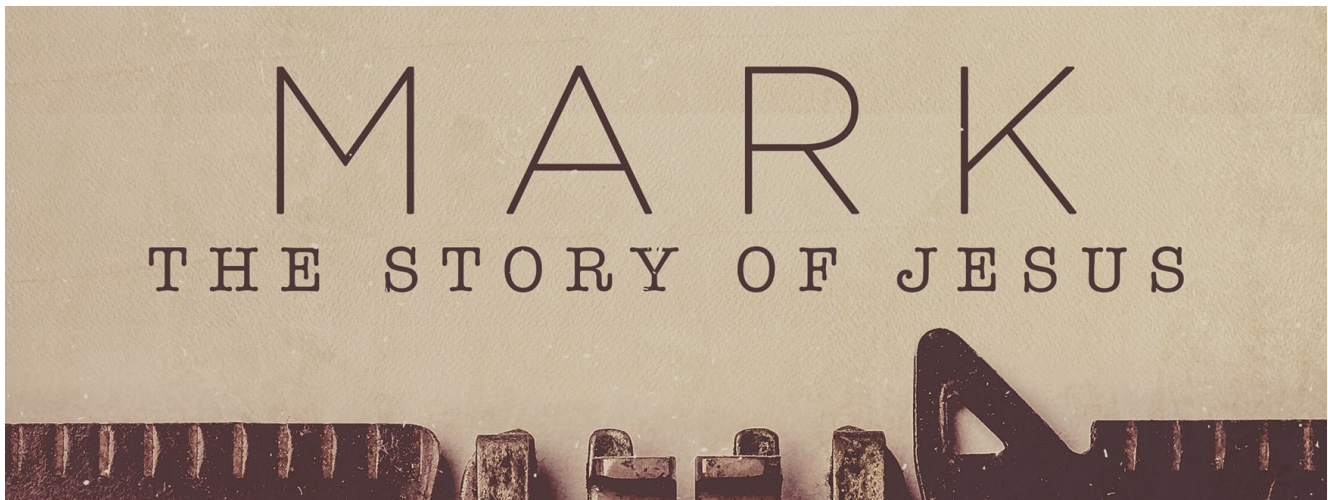


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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 brought many accusations against Jesus during his ministry. Out of all those charges, only one was labeled unforgivable - blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. They essentially said Jesus was empowered by demons, rather than by the Holy Spirit. Often we are quick to judge or condemn people, ideas, and movements that look different from ours. But Jesus welcomes all who do the will of the Father.

READ MARK 3:20-35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What do you think prompted the Pharisees to make such a harsh accusation?

Talk about a time you were too quick to judge something or someone. What feelings prompted that judgement?

Early in this passage, Jesus' family tries to "take charge of him." Have you ever seen the church try to rein Jesus in? How?

In this chapter, Jesus' commitment to the will of the Father cost him the respect of his family. What sacrifices have you had to make to follow Jesus as best you can?

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?