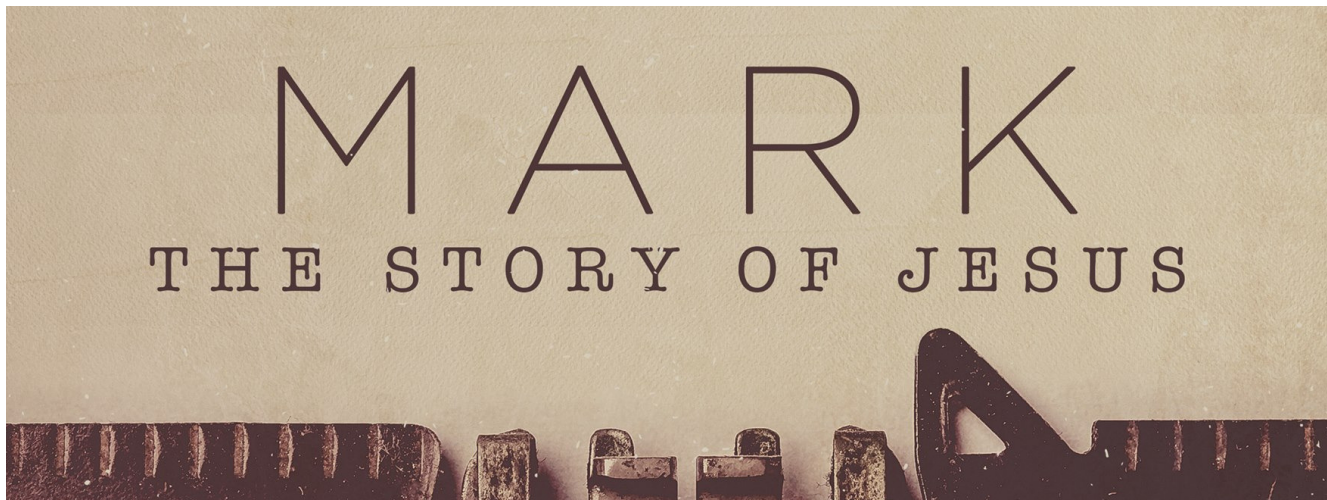


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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

It's difficult to say "no." There are so many expectations placed on us that choosing how to prioritize our lives is no easy task. Thankfully, we have Jesus as our example. He understood his Father's will and made it his life's mission to see it come to fruition. Even when his ministry grew so large so quickly, he wasn't controlled by their expectations. Jesus lived on mission, which dictated the way he lived his life.

READ MARK 1:1-39

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This morning, Neil explained the concept of differentiation - the ability to distinguish our own goals/motivations/expectations from those of others. In what parts of your life does this come easily? When is it more difficult?

If you had to make a priority list according to how you make decisions about how to spend your time, what would that list look like? How would you want the list to look?

Do you know the purpose of your job? What is it? How does knowing this help you do your job better? If you don't know, how does that affect your work life? How does Jesus' understanding his purpose influence how he carries out his mission?

Does your typical day begin the way Jesus' does? If for some reason it can't, how else could you prioritize time with God this week?

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?