

Evangelism Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What's the best news you've heard in the past 3 months?
2. Do you spend more time texting or talking on the phone?

Read the following passage: Mark 1:1-8,14-15.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Jesus' statement, "The time has come," implies that the Jewish people had been waiting for something. What is it that they were waiting for?
2. Jesus says that the kingdom of God has come near. What does this mean? Why is this good news?
3. Both John the Baptist and Jesus exhort the people to repent. What is repentance and how is it relevant to this proclamation of good news?
4. What does Mark's application of Isaiah 40:3 to John the Baptist and Jesus imply about Jesus?
5. How would you summarize the good news to someone who was just beginning to explore the Christian faith? Is this summary biblical? Is it relevant? Is it compelling?
6. What would you tell someone who asked how he or she could become a Christian?
7. What do you think about the statement, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary" (often falsely attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)?
8. Do you pray daily for three friends who don't know Jesus? If not, are you willing to make a commitment to do this?
9. What are some ways you can help others become followers of Jesus?

Pray