



Who is this man?

Exploring the impact of Jesus

Who Is This Man...Who Frees Us?

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Key Verses: Mark 1:1-14, Mark 5:1-15.

Talk Summary:

- Mark is an action packed account of Jesus life and ministry that affirms Jesus as the bringer of new creation, the chosen savior of the world and the true King who deserves our allegiance.
- As King, Jesus brings the Kingdom of God and one way it is demonstrated is when he brings freedom to the oppressed.
- The Bible shows that evil and demonic powers are a reality. The enemy's agenda is to steal kill and destroy (John 10:10).
- He can gain influence over our lives through unhealed trauma, unhealthy appetites and addictions and involvement in things that God prohibits (the occult, spiritual practices and things that are contrary to God's commands).
- We enter the Kingdom as we repent (re think) and believe (respond in action) in the good news.
- We see Jesus extend his work in our lives as we really listen, deeply consider what he says, authentically trust him and do what he asks (empowered by God's Spirit)
- Jesus offers freedom from a self-defined life into our God given destiny as we say yes to the call to follow him.
- We discern spiritual attack as we identify the thoughts or feelings coming against us.
- What is it trying to steal from me? Take the thoughts and feelings captive using these three steps.
- I nail _____ to the cross. I break all agreements I've made with _____ known or unknown and I repent of joining with _____. I ask you Father to send _____ away from me and Father, what do You want to give me in it's place?

Group Discussion Questions

Welcome

If you don't eat together as a small group then you might want to start the group with some kind of ice breaker question. Remember to introduce yourselves when there are new people.

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- How is 'Read and Listen' going? What has God been speaking to you about this week? (*Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it*)

Word

We want our thoughts and lives to be shaped by what God says in the Bible. If most of your group weren't there on a Sunday base the discussion on the main passage rather than the talk.

- What from this week's talk/Bible passage stood out to you, and/or you found challenging? Why?
- Follow Jesus: What does this passage teach me about God?
- Live life to the full: What does this passage teach me about myself?
- Make a difference: What is God inviting you to do or change as a result of what we have discussed? (You can give everyone a minute or so in silence to write it down) Spend some time praying for one another.

Witness

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?