

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 25, 2015

Passage: Mark 1:12-13

Memory Passage: Mark 1:13

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 1:12-13.** In what ways do you see v. 12 connecting with vs. 9-11? With vs. 1-8?
- (b) Considering Jesus was baptized “in the wilderness” (cf. vs. 4-5), where does the Holy Spirit drive him in v. 12?
- (c) What is the importance of us understanding that it was the Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the wilderness?
- (d) Mark mentions “the wilderness” twice in vs. 12-13. What does he want us to consider?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 1:12-13, Ex. 24:18, Deut. 9:9, & 1 Kings 19:1-8.** Why must Jesus face the temptation brought by Satan?
- (b) Why do you think Mark mentions that Jesus was “with the wild animals” (v. 13)?
- (c) What parallels do you see between these OT passages and Mark 1:12-13?
- (d) Given these parallels, what theological points could Mark be making in Mark 1:12-13?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 1:12-13.** Reread Mark 1:12-13 as if this is all the information you have about Jesus’ temptation (try to ignore anything you remember from Matthew & Luke) and write down all of the details that you think would have been helpful to know but Mark does not tell us.
- (b) Now write down the main point(s) of these 2 verses as Mark presents the details of Jesus’ temptation. For instance, you probably could not say that the main point was to show Jesus’ victory over Satan, because the text says nothing about the outcome of this confrontation.
- (c) How does this point (or these points, if you found more than one) tie into the context of Mark 1:1-13?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 3:1-13.** Even though Mark seems to have his own reason for reporting the temptation of Jesus with such sparse detail, we are wise to see the same event from the vantage point of the other Gospel writers who mention it (and all of them wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit!).
- (b) As you read Matthew & Luke (1) describe what you learn from Matthew that you did not learn from Mark, (2) describe what you learn from Luke that you did not learn from Matthew or Mark, and (3) write a full account using what you learn from all three gospel accounts.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 1:12-13, Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13.** Taking into consideration the entire picture presented by all three synoptic gospel writers, write down at least one application for each of the following:

(b) How do we make application from: (1) what Satan was trying to accomplish, (2) the way that Jesus was tempted, (3) the way Jesus responded to each of Satan's challenges, (4) the fact that Jesus was hungry, (5) the fact that angels ministered to Jesus, (6) the role/ministry of the Holy Spirit.

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