

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Mark 9:30-50 (ESV) –January 29th, 2012

[30] They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, [31] for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” [32] But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

[33] And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” [34] But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. [35] And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” [36] And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, [37] “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

[38] John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” [39] But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. [40] For the one who is not against us is for us. [41] For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

[42] “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. [43] And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. [45] And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. [47] And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, [48] ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ [49] For everyone will be salted with fire. [50] Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

OBSERVATION- WHAT DO I SEE?

(Give each paragraph a “title” and write the big things that stand out to you)

INTERPRETATION- WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(What are some of the big questions/ ideas that the passage brings up? Dig into resources.)

APPLICATION- WHAT DO I DO?

(How does this passage apply to you and your life NOW? List a few specific ACTION steps.)

Gospel of Mark – ABF Mark Lesson 17 – Mark 9:30-50

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1. What does v. 30 tell you about Jesus' intentionality in training His disciples? What application could this hold for your own life?
2. V. 31 represents the second clear reference in Mark to Jesus' upcoming death & resurrection. Why was this teaching so crucial for the disciples?

What do you make of their inability to understand this teaching (v. 32)?

3. Focus on vv. 33-37. What is ironic about the argument which broke out among the disciples when you see what Jesus was trying to teach them about Himself and about true discipleship?

How does Jesus' teaching in vv. 35-37 turn our human concept of greatness on its head?

4. While we might legitimately identify with the disciples' concern in vv. 38-41, what bottom line lesson(s) did Jesus want them to understand?
5. In vv. 42-50, Jesus makes some of His most startling statements about sin and its seriousness. Extract three or more principles from this section which are true about handling sin for all disciples at all times.
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6. Ask God to use this week's lesson to search your heart. Which point in this lesson is particularly challenging to you personally? Why?

How does any part of this lesson grow your love or worship of Christ? Be specific.