



## ***Scripture Series at St. John's Fort Wayne***

### **How to Read, Study, and Pray the Gospel according to St. Mark**

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**When: Monday Nights - 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, & April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Rectory**

**Cost: None**

#### **What to bring to the Session?**

- Your copy of the Bible (or at least New Testament), in your favorite translation.
- Any Bible study aids (maps, commentaries, etc.)
- A friend who might be interested.

#### **What will happen in each session?**

- We will read parts of the text together.
- We become more familiar with the other tools in your Bible (maps, glossary, footnotes, etc.)
- A brief lecture on the focused topic
- Discussion and group study on the topic.
- Praying the text (lectio divina)

## **Session #1 – Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **How to Read the Gospel of Mark – some basics**

- Author? Audience? Time written?
- How does Mark's Gospel relate to the other three Gospels?
- Plots and subplots.
- Using maps, footnotes and other tools in your edition of the Bible.
- Praying with Mark.

## **Session #2 – Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **The Passion of Jesus in Mark's Gospel**

- Identifying Mark's outline of the Passion, and narrative flow.
- Clarifying Jesus' identity, with his various "audiences".
- The meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection for Mark.

## **Session #3 – Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Who is Jesus, as St. Mark portrays him?**

- Opening and close of the Gospel
- The "messianic secret".
- Wonder worker and preacher.
- Jesus' Baptism, the question at Caesarea Phillipi, the Passion and Death.

## **Session #4 – Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Personalities in Mark's Gospel:**

- Peter
- Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- The Apostles
- Galileans, Romans, and others