

The Good News and Those who Proclaim It | Mark 1:1-8
9.17.17

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. The message this week focused on understanding the good news (the gospel of Jesus).. Before this morning, how would you have answered someone if they asked you what the good news of Jesus is?
2. Pastor Jim took us to Mark 1:1-8 and explained we'd be looking at the offer being made, the location where the offer is given, the condition necessary to receive the offer and finally the person called to proclaim the offer to others. He started by discussing the offer. Go back to some of the Scriptures (these are only some of what was shared, feel free to refer back to others as well) he shared and discuss, what was the offer? What is so great about it?
 - a. Mark 1:8
 - b. Ezekiel 36:25
 - c. John 16
 - d. Acts 1
 - e. Romans 8
 - f. 1 Corinthians 2, 12
 - g. 2 Corinthians 3:17; 13
3. Pastor Jim then mentioned that the place the offer is made is the wilderness. What did he say the wilderness represented? If you were to look at your own life, what wilderness have you been experiencing or going through?
4. The third point was regarding "the condition of the offer." This had to do with the recognition of our own sin and need for forgiveness. Take a moment to read 1 John 1:9 and discuss, why is this hard for us? If we know the offer, and recognize where the offer comes to us, why do we not take this step more often?
5. Pastor Jim then pointed out who the proclaimer of the offer is. Who was it and what was unique, what made him qualified to do so? Re-read Mark 1:2-8 and read John 3:30 as a reference.
6. The offer is: for the one who doesn't have the Holy Spirit, Jesus wants to pour Him into their life. For those that know Jesus as Lord, those who have the Spirit in them, the call is to allow God to send us out as servants into the wilderness to proclaim the truth, and extend Jesus' offer to others.

As you close today, take a moment to reflect and share where your opportunities might be to proclaim the offer. Who has He placed in your life, where has He called you to? Take some time to share, to pray and encourage each other.