Life Groups

January – April 2022

Epiphany to Easter

“Living the Way of Jesus”

The Gospel of Mark

The Sunday themes for this term take us on a journey through Mark’s Gospel and Life Group notes will explore issues arising from each stage on that journey.

We will draw on two resources to help construct the notes:

* “Mark” by Tracy Cotterell in the Gateway Series from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.
* “Mark for Everyone” by Tom Wright, in his For Everyone Bible Study Guides.

Here is a map of the journey:

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| **Dates** | **Themes** | **Readings** |
| 02 January – Epiphany | Announcing revolution | Mark 1:1-15 |
| 09 January | A life of forgiveness | Mark 2:1-12 |
| 16 January | Following Jesus | Mark 3:1-19 |
| 23 January | Parables of the kingdom | Mark 4:1-34 |
| 30 January | Demonstrating authority | Mark 4:35-41 |
| 06 February | Trading fear for faith | Mark 5:1-20 |
| 13 February | Opposition mounts | Mark 6:1-29 |
| 20 February | Amazing compassion | Mark 6:30-56 |
| 27 February | The heart of the matter | Mark 7:1-23 |
| 06 March – Lent 1 | Revealing identity | Mark 8:27-38 |
| 13 March | Faith gets difficult | Mark 9:2-29 |
| 20 March | Welcome to the war | Mark 9:30-50 |
| 27 March – Mothering Sun | Challenging allegiance | Mark 10:17-31 |
| 03 April | Not what you expect | Mark 10:32-52 |
| 10 April – Palm Sun | Jesus in Jerusalem | Mark 11:1-33 |
| 14 April – Maundy Thurs | Transforming power  | Mark 14:32-52 |
| 15 April – Good Friday | Condemned and crucified | Mark 15:1-39 |
| 17 April – Easter Sun | Inviting Trust | Mark 15:40 – 16:8 |

Tracy Cotterell: “Many have found it helpful to read Mark as if it were a drama in three Acts.”

**Act 1:** In and around Galilee – Who is Jesus? Chapters 1-7

**Act 2:** On the way to Jerusalem- Discipleship Chapters 8-10

**Act 3:** In Jerusalem – What Jesus came to do. Chapters 11-16