



Mark My Words Week 2 Discussion Guide **“Jesus: More than a Miracle Man”**

Icebreaker question: Have you ever had a situation where you wanted or expected an outcome to be one way and it turned out another way—for the better?

Key Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

1. We understand that Mark was the first gospel written. It is written in a much different style than the others with a real sense of urgency in the telling of Jesus’ story. Discuss with one another what it must have been like to be a Christian during 70 AD during severe persecution by Roman emperor, Nero. Have you ever experienced persecution for your faith in Jesus?
2. As we follow Jesus, beyond the miracles, we hear him saying these three things to us today. First: **“I will surprise you”** Read Mark 2:1-12 In this account, a man’s friends bring him for healing and receives it by Jesus forgiving him! Have you witnessed that it is true that “we think we need **this...** but Jesus *knows* we need **this**” for wholeness and healing? Share your thoughts and experiences with your group.
3. **“I will comfort you”** Jesus sees the faith of the man’s friends and he knows the longing of the man’s heart. Read Psalm 139:1-6. How hard is it for you to trust that Jesus sees deeply into your heart and wants to respond to your deepest needs? How do you connect with Jesus to listen to his wisdom in your life?
4. **“I will give you confidence”** In this profound moment early in Mark, Jesus states he knows what the teachers of the law are thinking and claims he also can forgive sins. Ultimately, he is claiming he is God. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, and meets us where we are to give us what we *TRULY* need. How does this knowledge give you confidence to go forth every day? Are you willing to share with the group how trusting Jesus to provide what you need has impacted your daily life and your confidence in Jesus?

Prayer Time: Pray for any specific requests in your circle. Pray that God will help you be open to “the surprises” in your life and his strength to sustain you as you embrace them.

This Week: Continue to set aside intentional time for Bible reading and reflection. Be sure to include a time of silence for “listening” and reflection.

FOR ADDITIONAL READING AND STUDY: Check out the Bible reading plan here:
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