



THE
JESUS
STORY

DISCUSSION GUIDE
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SAVING GRACE
— LUTHERAN CHURCH —

The Jesus Story

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Text: Mark 1:14 - 28

We understand that it is difficult to connect with a group of people right now. If you are able to connect with a group from Saving Grace online feel free to use this material as a discussion guide. You may also use this material with your family or adapt it as a self-assessment tool.

Enjoy!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WITH YOUR GROUP/FAMILY...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by today's sermon.

1. "If you were baptized as a baby there has hardly been a moment that you've not heard the call from heaven, "You are my child!" Never diminish that call." For those in your group that this applies ask them to react to what their thoughts are on this call.
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2. Have you ever had a "mountain top spiritual experience"? If so, share with your group by describing when and where it occurred as well as the impact that it had on you.
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3. When you hear the word "repent" what comes to mind? What does it mean? Is repenting a "bad" or a "good" thing? Explain.
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4. We tend to think of kingdoms in terms of geographical space, but God defines His kingdom as wherever He reigns and where His will is done. Why is it important to know that God's kingdom is not a physical location with set boundaries?
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5. The word "immediately" is used 42 times in Mark. What was the big rush for the first disciples to follow Jesus?
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6. "Jesus' kingdom call is upside down. Typically, a Rabbi would never call their disciples to come learn from them." Instead, students would seek out a rabbi and prove themselves worthy of being their student by hailing their academic accomplishments and who they knew. Jesus brings up the fact that His process is different in calling His disciples when He said in John 15:16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." Why is it important that Jesus chose us and we did not choose Him? How is that comforting to you?
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Pastor shared two facts that we should be aware of that are guaranteed in the life of a Jesus follower:
1) Following Jesus may cost you. 2) Following Jesus leads you to do what Jesus did.

7. Choose each one of the two and discuss what you have learned recently about that aspect of following Jesus.

WITH YOUR KIDS...

8. What do you think God is calling you to? What things are you good at? How can you love people around you?
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9. Make a list of all of your gifts (the things you're good at) and how you can use them to serve Jesus and others!

10. Read Mark 1:16-20. What is one thing that you learned from the story this week?
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ON YOUR OWN...

11. You are encouraged to read the book of Mark over the 16 weeks of this sermon series. This week read Mark 2. Write down at least 5 important points to focus on this week.
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12. What is the one thing Jesus is uniquely calling you to do after hearing this message? Ask Him in prayer. Hear the call.