

KINGDOM

the gospel of mark

Week 10 | Kingdom: The Gospel of Mark | March 8, 2015

Opening Up:

- When you want to treat yourself, what do you do? Or what luxury of life do you value?
- How does “treating yourself” with a “luxury of life” affect your care for the poor? In other words, how do you distinguish between just being selfish from enjoying the good gifts of God for his glory?

Read (or reference): Mark 9:30-50

Discuss:

1. What evidence is there that humanity is addicted to itself? How does that temptation persist even after we are saved?
2. What does 9:31-32 teach you about Jesus?
3. How is pride viewed in our current culture? Is this the same kind of pride that is condemned in the Bible, or is it different?
4. How does Jesus redefine aspiring to greatness and seeking a reward?
5. How does this fit together with Him condemning pride and encouraging sacrificial service?
6. How does 9:39-40 support cooperation among Christian churches of various denominations? When have you seen churches of various backgrounds working together? What prevents this from happening?
7. What are some examples of giving a cup of water? How does doing it in Jesus’ name and belonging to the Messiah further define this good deed?
8. Can hell still serve as a motivation for repentance, or should Christians avoid speaking about hell?
9. Why did Jesus use hyperbole to warn us about temptation and hell? Does this mean His words are not really, literally true?
10. What should Christian individuals do to be “salt” in their families and neighborhoods? What should the church as a body do to be salt in the world?
11. Do you know someone who is little known and unnoticed but who is probably a spiritual superstar in God’s eyes? What aspects of that person’s life are worthy of imitation?
12. Pray.