
Devotional for Lent 1

Reading through Mark



During the season of Lent (14th February to 21st March 2018) you are invited to read the Gospel of Mark.

The various Gospel sections each week will be used as a springboard for the worship themes on Sundays.

I hope you will use the devotional to prepare for worship.

Also, there will be opportunities through each week for discussion of the Gospel.

Speak with Ian to register your interest in participating and look for details of when and where discussions are taking place.

Lent 2018 : Week 1

Read through the Gospel of Mark, chapters 1 to 3

Jesus begins his ministry, calls the disciples and speaks of family.

Here are some questions to consider :

How would you describe the style of Mark's writing?

What do you think is his purpose in writing these things down?

***As you read the first three chapters what particular stories stand out for you?
Please take note of what makes these stories stand out?***

***Think about a time when you sensed God at work in your life -
How did you feel? Were you strengthened by the fact or shocked?
Please describe the circumstances or experience.***

Mark's gospel can be read as a "wake up call" to Christians and the Church.

Where do you think we're asleep today: in church, in community and in our personal life?

What will it take to awaken us to God's call upon our lives?

At the baptism of Jesus, God is heard to say to Jesus :

"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased"

These words are for all!

Try reading them slowly and repeatedly, with your name at the start.
Think quietly on what God is saying.

What impact do these words do these words have when heard being addressed to You? How do you respond?
