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# Devotional for Lent 2

## Reading through Mark

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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.

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## Lent 2018 : Week 2

Read through the Gospel of Mark, chapters 4 - 6  
*"Parables, Teaching & Healing, the sending out of the Disciples"*

Here are some questions to consider :

***What do you think is Mark's purpose in writing these stories down?***

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***As you read chapters 4 - 6 how do these stories begin to develop and change in Mark's account?***

***Which stories stand out for you? Please take note of why:***

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***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.***

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His teaching and miraculous actions drew people to Jesus. They saw his healing and his power. ***What do you think Jesus is trying to tell people?***

***Where do we see signs of the Kingdom of God today?  
How does God's Kingdom break into the patterns of the world?***

As Jesus sends out the disciples, he says to them: ***"Take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in your belts."***

***Have we got this right in the church today?***

When he walked across the water to reach the boat where his disciples were straining against the winds, Jesus said to them:

***"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid!"***

Read these words slowly and repeatedly and hear them being addressed to you today. ***How do they make you feel? What are you going to do now?***

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