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# Devotional for Lent 3

## 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.

It is hoped that you will also use the devotional to prepare for worship.

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 3**

Read through the Gospel of Mark, chapters 7 - 10  
*"Experiences in ministry, miracles and some more teaching"*

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Here are some questions to consider :

***Why do you think Jesus was concerned that people did not tell others at this point in time?***

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***Why did Jesus speak in parables when it seems so few appear to get the message?***

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

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This is the second time we've heard of a feeding miracle in Mark's Gospel.

***What is the significance of Jesus bringing his disciples into the work in which he is engaged?***

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“.... the first must be last.... .....to serve not to be served.... Except you become like a child ”

***Are these signs of the new order Jesus is bringing?***

***How applicable are such principles in the world today?***

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In speaking of the “leaven” of the Pharisees it seems that Jesus is at pains to alert his disciples to the approaching conflict. Jesus is anxious that they understand what’s going to happen to him, and possibly to them also.

***If Jesus was here with us today, what would make him “groan deeply”?***

***Would Jesus be saying to us: “You still don’t get it, do you?” ?***

Peter’s declaration is a turning point in Mark’s narrative. A blind man receiving his sight.. The “blind” disciples gaining their insight...

***What is the significance of calling Jesus “...the Messiah” ?***

***What insight does Jesus try to share with his disciples?***

True Greatness

***What images come to mind when you think about the Crucifixion?***

Mark is going to tell us the story of how Jesus was crucified

***What seeds are being sown by Mark in this passage (chapter 10. 32-45) which anticipate and begin to build the picture for us?***

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