



For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

#### Introduction

Mark presents our Lord on the move, meeting the physical and spiritual needs of all kinds of people. Mark depicts Him as God's Suffering Servant who came, not to be ministered to, but to minister.

	Audience	Emphasis of Christ	Explanation
Matthew	Jews	The Messiah	Opened with a genealogy to prove that Jesus is the rightful
			heir to the throne of David.
Mark	Romans	The Servant	Mark's emphasis is on what Jesus did more than what Jesus
			said. Jesus was active because the Gospel needs action.
Luke	Greeks	Son of Man	Emphasized Christ's humanity, knowing the Greek readers would identify with the perfect babe who grew up to be the perfect man.
John	World	Son of God	Emphasized the deity of Christ and prove that He is the Savior of the world.

#### Mark Chapter 4

#### "The Word of God will grow you into a man of God."

#### Instruction #1 You need to receive the God's Word

The parable of the sower. Matthew 4:1-20

- 1. What three words would you use to describe your spiritual life?
- 2. Desribe the four types of soil that received the sower's seed.
- 3. Which type of soil best describes your heart?
- 4. What causes your heart from receiving God's Word?
- 5. How does Satan take away the Word before it has a chance to take root?
- 6. In what area of your life do you need to start listening to God?
- 7. What is one biblical truth that you want to cultivate in your life each day this week?

Instruction #2 You need to understand God's Word

The parable of the candle. Matthew 4:21-25

- 1. How is God's Word described in Psalm 119:105
- 2. Who has God given you to help you understand His Word?

- 3. How has God's Word helped you in these past few weeks?
- 4. What responsibility do you have before God in light of the truth or knowledge God has already revealed to you?
- 5. What is one specific Word of Jesus (a promise, truth, or command) that you can consciously remind yourself of throughout this week?

#### Instruction #3 You need to sow God's Word

The parable of the growing seed.

- 1. Why do you think Jesus told parables to explain the kingdom of God to the crowds of people?
- 2. Why is it important for you to stay disciplined and committed to spending time in God's Word?
- 3. How have you grown spiritually over this past year, past five years?
- 4. What has attributed to your growth?
- 5. What Bible reading plan are you following or can start following?

#### Instruction #4 You need to share God's Word

The parable of the mustard seed.

- 1. How is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed?
- 2. In what ways does this parable encourage you to persist in your faith?
- 3. Why is it important for you to share your faith?
- 4. What can you do as a man of God for your...
  - a. Wife:
  - b. Kids:
  - c. Coworkers:
  - d. Neighbors:

Remember, the Word of God grows you into a man of God. You need to receive God's Word, understand God's Word, sow God's Word, and share God's Word.

When the storms of life come, are you quick to turn to God's Word for wisdom, comfort, and strength?

#### Read Mark 4:35-41.

- 1. How did the disciples respond to the storm?
- 2. Who did they turn to for help?
- 3. Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples?
- 4. Why should God's Word keep you calm in the storms of your life?
- 5. What commitment can you make that God can use to grow you into a man of God?

## **FBCGE Men's Ministry**

The Men's Ministry exists to help men love, live, and lead well.

### **Goals & Objectives**

# Goal #1: Men will be motivated to love well.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like, unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

- Motivate men to love their God passionately.
- Motivate men to love their family unselfishly.
- > Motivate men to love their neighbor compassionately.



Goal #2: Men will be challenged to live well.

I have fought a good fight, and I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (2 Timothy 4:7)

- Challenge men to live humbly.
- Challenge men to live honestly.
- Challenge men to live honorably.



Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

(1 Corinthians 16:13)

- Encourage men to lead as a man of prayer.
- Encourage men to lead as a man of wisdom.
- Encourage men to lead as a man of courage.