Mark: Beginnings



1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.

2. Have you ever tried to change something that you have always done or something you have always thought? How'd that go?

3. Why do you think there is a pull in us to keep doing things or believing things the way we always have and be reluctant to change?

4. Read Mark 1:1-8. John came to prepare the way for Jesus, because the message and person of Jesus would be so revolutionary. In what ways has the person or message of Jesus been revolutionary to you?

5. John's message was repent, which means to change, to line up one's thinking and living with God. How does the person or message of Jesus cause or call you to change?

6. Read Mark 1:9-13. God affirmed his love for Jesus and reaffirmed His identity before His earthly ministry began. What does that say about you, and how might that challenge the idea that we have to earn God's love and favor?

7. Read Mark 1:35-39. How did Jesus set the example when it comes to living God's way, and surrendering to Him?

8. Pray for each other. Pray a prayer of repentance, of turning from your own way, and commit to being open to go a new way. Think new thoughts as it comes to Jesus, following him through this journey.