

# SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"THE DANCE" SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

More than any other historical figure Jesus has been studied and written about and yet so many still wonder, who is Jesus, really? Cutting through the noise is the fast paced action packed Gospel of Mark. Mark presents the life of Jesus in two symmetrical acts: His IDENTITY as the King over all things and His PURPOSE in dying on the cross. As we explore the life of Jesus we will find Him to be unpredictable but reliable, meek but powerful, authoritative but humble, human but divine. As we encounter Jesus we must all consider the significance of the life of Jesus the King in our own lives.

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc. Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

1

## OPENING PRAYER:

*About 2 minutes*

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer. Consider reading Isaiah 40:1-5 as part of the opening.

2

## BIG IDEA:

*About 1 minute to read*

Mark introduces Jesus as the Messiah, the "Christ" the "Son of God." Jesus was not just another king, but He was The King, the fulfillment of every prophecy about the Messiah. In the Trinity we see the perfect dance of serving and loving and through Jesus God has come to rule and renew all of creation as He invites us to join in the dance.

3

## INTRO QUESTION:

*About 10 minutes*

Do you like to dance? Why or why not?

How might following Jesus be similar to a dance? How is it different?



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<sup>10</sup> As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." - Mark 1:10-11 NLT

**Reflect** 

**Read the full passage in your Bible - Mark 1:1-13.**

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might God be calling you to repent of or realign in your life?

What would acting upon this or obeying God look like? Be curious...and then do it.

4

## SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

*About 40-45 minutes*

From Mark 1:1, discuss the terms "gospel", "Christ" or "Messiah" and "Son of God". How would you describe each term to a new Jesus follower? (*Extra credit: what other Scriptures would you use in your explanation?*)

Share an example of a community or organization that speaks well of each other and to each other, and as a result, the whole community is better.

Read Genesis 1:1-3. Notice God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit present at creation and at Jesus' baptism. How does the Trinity glorify one another in these examples? How does the work of the Holy Spirit in your life glorify God the Father and God and the Son?

## DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

**Can you say more about that?**

**How have you seen that play out in your life?**

**What does that stir up in you?**

**Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?**


**What might God be inviting you to do?**


## 5 LIVE IT OUT:

About 3 minutes


Read this section aloud. Invite the group to take the steps suggested. Discuss next time what the Lord revealed to you in this reflection time.

# TAKE IT DEEPER



**Live It Out** 

*Start each day this week with prayer and reading the key scripture from the other side of this card. Ask God, "how can I center my life, today, around your invitation to place my primary identity in being a child of THE King. Listen to his response and keep this penetrating truth in front of you as you walk through each day.*

**Pray** 

Listen for (and imagine) Jesus whispering these words to you. *"You are my beloved child, whom I love, with you I am well pleased."* Tell him your heart's response to this.

Talk to God about the joys and the battles of learning to dance...to follow Jesus.

Thank God for sending Jesus THE King and for inviting you into the dance.

## 6

### CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 15 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud, and take a moment of silence for each person to reflect on the prayer prompt personally.

Share prayer requests and pray for each other in a circle prayer praying for the person on your LEFT. The leader or apprentice can open and close the prayer time.