



Monday: Mark 4:1-20

1. Jesus explains the reason he speaks in parables is because the people's hearts are hardened towards God. (See Matt. 13:13-15) How is that truth evident in the parable?
2. What are the things that keep the word from bearing fruit?
3. What is the evidence that the gospel has made an impact in a person's life?
4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Orange County Rescue Mission as they meet physical needs and share Christ in our community.

Tuesday: Mark 4:21-29

1. Jesus himself and his message are represented as "the lamp", because Jesus himself said he is the "light of the world (John 8:12)." How is Jesus and his message likened to a lamp?
2. What is the blessing and warning to those hearing the parable of the lamp? (vs. 25)
3. The kingdom of God is again taught using an agricultural parable. What is the point of the timeline, or the agricultural season? (vs. 28-29; See also Matt. 3:11-12; Rev. 14:17-19)
4. Pray for the people in your Oikos or "5 for 5".

Wednesday: Mark 4:30-41

1. What is the point of Jesus parable of the mustard seed, and how has it proved true?
2. From the opening of Mark's gospel there has been much emphasis on Jesus authority and him being the Son of God. How are those truths demonstrated here? (See also Ps. 33:7; 107:25-30)
3. Jesus initial response seems harsh. (vs. 40) The disciples have legitimate reasons to fear for their lives. What do you think Jesus is teaching them and you?
4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

Thursday: Mark 5:1-20

1. What are the clues that show heavy demonic influence in this man's life?
2. What shows the man transformed by Jesus?
3. What are the next steps Jesus gives the man, that are for us as well?
4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

Friday: Mark 5:21-43

1. How do Jairus and the woman approach Jesus?
2. There's a contrast in the story between those who put their faith in Jesus and those who didn't. What stands out to you about those who lack faith in Jesus?
3. What shows Jesus to be the Son of God? (See also John 11:17-27)
4. Pray for family and friends.

Saturday and Sunday

Review what you read in Mark this week. Pray for those serving Christ faithfully and pray for the services on Sunday. Pray the prayer of Ephesians 6:18-19.