

# NEAR & FAR

## Mission Near: Snapshots in Mark

Summary

To be a disciple is to also be a disciplemaker. When Jesus called people to follow him he added that he would also make them fishers of men. The two go together: Those who follow Jesus help others do the same in evangelism.

Outline

### Introduction

During these Mission Emphasis Sundays we are asking ourselves two questions: (1) What would God have me believe? (2) What would God have me do? Mark, in his gospel, helps us answer these two questions by helping us to (1) believe that Jesus is better than anything this world has to offer, and (2) function as followers of Jesus who help others follow him as well.

Question	Mark	Answer
What would God have me believe?	Who is Jesus?	Jesus is superior; he is better.
What would God have me do?	What is a disciple?	A disciple follows Jesus and helps others do the same.

**Part 1: Jesus is better/greater**

- Mark 1.2-3 Jesus is Yahweh Incarnate, the Son of God
- Mark 1.4-8 Jesus is greater than John the Baptist
- Mark 1.9-11 Jesus is endorsed by the Father
- Mark 1.12-13 Jesus is superior over Satan and temptation
- Mark 1.14-15 Jesus is the gospel
- Mark 1.16-20 Jesus is the one who changes the course of our lives
- Mark 1.21-28 Jesus is superior over demons
- Mark 1.29-45 Jesus is superior over disease
- Mark 2.1-12 Jesus is superior to forgive sins
- Mark 2.13-17 Jesus is superior over social norms

**Part 2: A disciple is also a disciplemaker**

- Mark 1.14-15 A disciple is someone who repents and believes in the gospel
- Mark 1.17 A disciple is someone who helps others follow Jesus by being a fisher of people

### Part 3: The example of Levi (Mark 2.13-17)

Personal Application

1. Of the examples in Mark of how Jesus is better/greater, which one stood out to you the most and why?
2. We would all admit that Jesus is better/greater than anything this world has to offer, but functionally we can often forget that. What are practical ways to remind ourselves of Jesus' greatness?
3. How does the first point (Jesus is better/greater) impact the second point (a disciple is also a disciplemaker)? In other words, how does knowing Jesus motivate us to help others know Jesus?
4. The Scriptures present a disciple as one who also fishes for people which is a reference to evangelism. Is it true in your life that you are a follower of Jesus who also fishes for people? Are the two currently present in your life? Why or why not?
5. What obstacles are in your way of pointing unbelievers to Jesus? How could you counter those obstacles this week?
6. Name one or two friends of yours who don't follow Jesus. How can you invite others to pray for you in those interactions? If you can't currently name any unbelieving friends, what steps could you take to change that and how can you invite others to pray for you? Spend time in prayer together related to what was shared.
7. What is one takeaway from both Mission Emphasis Sundays?