

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Gospel of Mark. Today's topic: TEACHING DISCIPLES – Part I.

1. The healing of a blind man

- a) Mark 8:22-25 What is unique about this healing miracle, only recorded by Mark?
- b) Mark 8:26 Again we see the instruction of Jesus to tell no one about this remarkable healing. Why?
- c) What healing blessing do we need so we can clearly see the truth about Jesus? Revelation 3:18

2. The truth about Jesus

- a) Mark 8:27-28 What question did Jesus ask His disciples in the regio of Caesarea Philippi and what was their response?
- b) Mark 8:29a Why was His second question even more important?
- c) Mark 8:29b How did Peter respond? (Matt. 16:16)
- d) When did you first make your personal confession of faith in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord?

3. The cost of discipleship

- a) Mark 8:31-33 What are your thoughts about this declaration of Jesus and his interaction with Peter?
- b) Mark 8:34-38 When did you realize that becoming a follower of Jesus would involve personal sacrifice?
- c) Who has inspired you as someone who gladly accepted the cost of being a disciple of Jesus?

4. The transfiguration of Jesus

- a) Mark 9:2-8 What impresses you about this scene?
- b) How was the prophecy of Jesus recorded in Mark 9:1 fulfilled on that mountain?
- c) Mark 9:9-13 What can we learn from the interaction of Jesus with His disciples following His transfiguration?

5. The setting free of a demon-possessed boy

- a) Mark 9:14-18 What lesson did the disciples learn from their interaction with this demon-possessed boy?
- b) Mark 9:18-29 How did Jesus respond to this father's appeal and what lessons can we learn?

6. True greatness in the kingdom of heaven

- a) Mark 9:33-37 According to Jesus, what does true greatness look like in the kingdom of heaven?
- b) Mark 9:38-41 How should we relate to other followers of Jesus who are not part of "our group"?
- c) Share a time you were able to collaborate in mission with other Christians?

7. Limited perception

- a) Mark 9:30-32 Why were the disciples struggling to understand the words of Jesus about His death?
- b) Mark 9:42-50 Sometimes we also struggle with limited understanding. What is Jesus saying here?
- c) Where can we find the wisdom we need? James 1:5

