

Small Group Questions

Mark 1: 1 - 15

I used the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible for the sermon slides on Sunday

Warm-up question

- What is your normal response to a testing situation or season?

- Where do you see John the Baptist and Jesus being humble in these verses?
 - Are there areas of your life where you need to grow in humility?

In verse 10, Mark says that after Jesus came out of the water, he saw the “heavens being torn open.” At the end of the book, in Mark 15:38, he also says that the curtain of the temple was “torn in two from top to bottom” when Jesus died.

- What is the significance of this link between the heavens and the curtain being torn open?

In these verses, the Spirit drives Jesus out into the wilderness where he is tempted by Satan.

- Do you think you take the devil too seriously or not seriously enough?
 - How do these verses help you have a balanced view of the devil?
- What are some ways that God can grow us in testing situations?
- What temptations do you face at present?

- How could these verses in Mark help you explain to someone what you believe about Jesus and why?

In these verses, there is a warmth between Father, Son and Spirit; they delight in each other.

- What could you help you find more delight in Jesus and embrace the idea that He delights in you?