

## MARK AND YOUR MATES

### 3 BIG QUESTIONS

These questions look at the main themes of Mark's gospel. Whatever passage you look at in Mark, ask yourself (and your mates) what it has to say about these questions.

- ➔ Who is Jesus?
- ➔ Why did He come?
- ➔ What do we need to do in response?

### "3D" BIBLE STUDY

You can use these 3 D's to study any passage in the Bible. Use them to help your friends engage with what Mark has to say. (NB: They are a **guide** only!)

**Discover** – what happens in the passage? When is it? Who's there? What are the key events?

**Dig** – what does the passage mean? What is the passage saying?

**Do** – what does the passage mean *to you*? What kind of response you need to make? What should change?

### READING FREE WITH YOUR MATES

- ➔ Choose the right passage. Not too long, not too short. Chapter 1 is a good place to start.
- ➔ Make sure you have a rough understanding of the passage
- ➔ Ask open questions. E.g. "What would your response be in that situation?" "What might Mark mean by that?" Avoid questions like "who is the Son of God?"
- ➔ Avoid jargon, without being patronising.
- ➔ Don't go on too long – it's better that your friends leave with questions, rather than getting bored.
- ➔ Be wise in who you offer to meet up with!
- ➔ Remember, this is about your friends getting to find out who Jesus is. It's not an academic exercise. Be guided by your friend's questions and starting point, rather than making sure you complete a prepared Bible study.
- ➔ PRAY!

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

There's a shedload of resources to help you look at Mark's gospel with a friend:

- ➔ Check out <http://www.uccf.org.uk/students/gospel-project/resources-for-free/bible-studies.htm> for lots of helpful resources. Particularly look out for *FREE Thinking*, a set of Bible studies specifically designed to help non-Christians get stuck into Mark.
- ➔ <http://free-online.org.uk/> is another great website with lots more about FREE.
- ➔ Talk to your **cell leader** – they've been helping you study Mark all term for a reason!
- ➔ Talk to **church leaders** or your UCCF staff worker ([gleaney@uccf.org.uk](mailto:gleaney@uccf.org.uk)) if you have questions about Mark.
- ➔ Use commentaries to find out about specific details, but be careful!