

Why do you think they said “yes” so quickly?

7. Pastor John said that when Jesus says to “Repent,” it means making a change – an “about-face” – from one thing to another. It not only involves turning away from something, it also means turning to something. Use the space below to draw a picture of what it might look for you to repent and say “YES” to Jesus in your life right now (be prepared to share your pictures!)

THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” Mark 1:14-15

WHAT’S UNIQUE ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF MARK?

- It was the _____ Gospel written
- It is the _____ Gospel
- Mark, the author, was _____ traveling companion
- It is _____-oriented
(for example, the word “immediately” appears over _____ times)

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of February 8, 2009

Mark 1:1-2:28

Which one of these interactions grabbed your attention the most?
Why?

Getting To Know You

1. What vacation or big trip (either as a child or as an adult) did you enjoy the most?

Into the Bible

2. If you only had **three words** to describe Jesus from what you learn in the **first two chapters of Mark**, what words would you use?

Why did you choose those words?

How are those words similar or different from people's general impression of Jesus?

3. In these chapters, Jesus interacts with many different people:

- Simon and Andrew, James and John
- Man possessed by an evil spirit
- Simon's mother-in-law
- The people in Capernaum
- Man with leprosy
- The paralytic and his friends
- Levi and the Pharisees

All of these people went through a **significant change** when they met Jesus. Let's look at another time in history when God asked someone else to make a big change. Read Genesis 12:1-7.

4. God asks Abram to leave his home and his parents to go to "the Promised Land," a place he's never been to before. Imagine you were Abram...make a list of all the reasons you might give God why you would **not** want to go:

5. Looking at what God promises Abram, what are some reasons you **would** want to go?

Bringing it Home

6. When Jesus asked Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, they all responded positively. Do you think they knew what they were getting themselves into?