**A Study through Mark**

**Bible Study Tips**

1. Be consistent (daily is the goal)
2. Start your time with prayer: ask God to show you what He wants you to see
3. Use all your resources to learn about this text, so you may better understand it: [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com) is great. Look for text in New American Standard Bible (NASB) edition. Then under tools select “Strong’s Numbers.” You can then select the hyper-linked words for the definitions and usage in the original languages. You can also find commentaries by smart people on this text. Google is also very good.
4. Take notes and write down questions
5. Read it, analyze it, and apply it
6. Finish your time with prayer: ask God to help you apply what you read

Bible Project Intro Video: see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGHqu9-DtXk>

**Mark 10
Suggested Preparation:**

Wednesday: Read Mark 10

 Thursday: Read Genesis 2 (creation and marriage)

 Friday: Read Deuteronomy 5 (Ten Commandments)

 Saturday: Read Mark 10

Sunday: Read James 4 (proud or humble)

Monday: Read Isaiah (suffering servant)

Tuesday: Read Mark 10

**Small Group Time (60 Minutes)**

**Welcome and Member Care (10 Minutes)**

**Discussion Questions (40 Minutes)**

Emphasis: Where is your heart?

1. Read 10:1-12. Divorce is a common thing in our society. What did Jesus have to say about it? Why did God permit Moses to allow it in certain cases? As Christians, what should we seek? If you are single, what can you do now to divorce-proof your marriage before it even starts? If you are married, what is working to keep your marriage strong?
2. Read verse 15. What does that mean to you? Do you think we over-complicate faith? What is the basic level of faith we should have as our default?
3. Retell the story of the rich young ruler in your own words (10:17-31). He was eager to follow Jesus and Jesus put him to the test. Review the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and see which Jesus tested him on. Which commands were left out? Why?
4. Materialism and possessions reveal a heart issue of idolatry. How can wealth and material things take our attention away from God? The rich ruler could not sell it all and follow so he really wasn’t able to follow the first three commandments. Does materialism or the focus of wealth draw you away from following God with your whole heart?
5. Read verses 35-45. Draw out some leadership lessons here. What were James and John asking of Jesus? Why were the others jealous/upset? How are we to lead according to Jesus? What was his purpose for coming as a man?
6. Anything new from this chapter’s story of the healing of a blind man? What healed him?
7. Identify any leadership applications from this passage.
8. Anything else you want to highlight or share with your group?

**Close out in Prayer (10 Minutes)**