

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE. ✓

Ice Breaker: What's a New Year's resolution you have been successful in?
Do you have any resolutions for 2026?

Read: Mark 1:1-11, Isaiah 40:1-3, John 15:5

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts: What's Worth Saving?
 - Why do you think pointing at people is often considered rude?
 - When you point something out to someone, what is your usual motive?
 - What's the difference between pointing for judgment and pointing for transformation?
- A Christ-following Life Should Point to...
 - The Way of God (Mark 1:1-3, Isaiah 40:1-3)
 - Why do you think Mark introduces John the Baptist?
 - How can we "prepare the way for the Lord" and make the path to Christ clearer for those around us in our context today?
- A Christ-following life doesn't just talk about God's way; it clears the way. It doesn't just believe the King is coming; it lives like the King is here.
 - What in you, is still in the way of Him?
 - What has God been touching... that you keep rearranging instead of removing?
 - What obedience has He been naming that you keep postponing?
- Repentance and Forgiveness (Mark 1:4-8)
 - Why is repentance essential for pointing people to Christ?
 - How does John's humility (Mark 1:7) challenge our own desire for recognition or influence?
 - Where do you need to repent?
 - Who do you need to forgive?
- Relationship and Fruitfulness (Mark 1:9, John 15:5 - Scripture Verse for 2026)
 - What does Jesus mean when He says, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5)?
 - How does abiding in Christ produce fruit that points others to Him?
- Closing Thoughts: Our Lives Pointing to Who Christ Really is (Mark 1:10-11)
 - When you deal with challenges, does your life point to the "crisis" or who "Christ is"? Do you see Christ and are you trying to point Him out for others to see and experience?
 - How does God's affirmation of Jesus ("You are my Son, whom I love") shape our understanding of identity and purpose?
 - If someone asked, "Who is Jesus?" based on your life, what would your answer communicate?
 - What will you implement based on what you've learned this week?

