

Radical Convictions

A Countercultural Life for Christ

Mark 1:1-8

PODS Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Philippians 3:13-14 What past hurt or failure most tempts Christians to stall instead of press forward? What would releasing it look like?
2. Read Romans 12:2 Where do we see the sharpest tension between cultural expectations and Kingdom values? What does it look like for us to live as a radical for Jesus rather than a comfortable Christian?
3. Read Matthew 11:11 Jesus called John the greatest, yet John saw himself as unworthy. Where do we see the difference between cultural self-promotion and the kind of greatness Jesus defines? What does it look like to live out the greatness Jesus described?
4. Read Mark 1:3 John lived every day aligned with his mission. What does it look like for us to have a clear sense of our specific role in pointing others to Jesus? What most distracts us from it?
5. There tends to be two extremes: blasting sin without grace, or emphasizing love without repentance. What does it mean that the gospel is not either-or but rather and-both? What does that look like practically?
6. Read John 3:30 What does it mean or look like in our lives to live out this one conviction God is calling us to in John 3:30?

As a group, make this your prayer...

"Lord, give us the courage of John the Baptist to decrease so You increase, to speak truth with grace, and to live with convictions fixed on You, no matter the cost. Amen."