

The Invitation

A Brand New Life

Mark 1:1-11

Launch

What do you know about the gospel of Mark (author, length, audience, etc)?

Explore

Read the passage

What does the phrase, “Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (v 1) teach us about the identity of Jesus (his name, title, and role)?

John preached a baptism of repentance (v 4). What does it mean to repent?

John said that Jesus would “baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (v 8). What is the role of the Holy Spirit in salvation? In living a brand new life?

Apply

The very first of Martin Luther's 95 theses was: “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.” What does repentance look like in your daily life?

“The Christian life is a partnership between us and the Holy Spirit.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

What changes has the Spirit made in your life over the last few months?

Pray

Pray that we would be people who are living the New Life: affirmed by the Father, enamored with Jesus, and empowered with the Spirit.