September 9, 2018 am Mark 1:1-8

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## Follow the Servant

- The book of Mark proclaims the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and calls us to turn, trust, and follow Him.
  - The book was written by John Mark from the perspective of
  - It is written to a Roman audience and presents Jesus as a
  - The book is a \_\_\_\_\_\_
- > The book begins with a \_\_\_\_\_
  - The word "gospel" means \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is the good news.

- - The Old Testament prophets made \_\_\_\_\_\_ that John the Baptist fulfilled.
  - John's clothes point us to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and his ministry of calling Israel to follow the Lord.
  - John points us to \_\_\_\_\_\_

- Personal observations from the message.
  - 1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
  - 2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
  - 3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
  - 4. What is a question you have?
  - 5. What can you share with someone? Who can you share it with?

Discussion questions from the message.

- 1. The word "gospel" communicates the idea of world changing news. What are some examples of this kind of news?
- 2. What is the difference between information and good news? What makes Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection more than just information? What are the implications of this when we share the gospel message?
- 3. The book of Mark presents Jesus as a servant. Why is this surprising when we read Mark 1:1? Why is a portrait of Jesus as a servant helpful for us (in contrast to Jesus as a King in Matthew)?
- 4. Why is it important for us to understand that the beginning of the good news starts before the ministry of Jesus? Why is the Old Testament important?
- 5. How is John like Elijah? Why is this important?
- 6. What do verses 7-8 teach us about John? What can we learn from His response?