

Choose

Mark 1:1-41

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A vital part of life is _____.

- Jesus made some terrifically difficult choices.
- For us, there is one ultimate choice which we believe is the _____ for all other choices. .
- *But what about you, who do you say that I am?* Mark 8: 29

Reality Checks

Events or _____ that connect us to the reality of a situation.

Mark 1:1-8

Reality check #1 - Jesus either was God, the Lord, or He wasn't. There are no other _____.

Key Choice #1 – Will you choose to accept Jesus for who He said He was?

Mark 1:9-13

Reality Check #2 - Fulfilling His role wasn't easy for Jesus and it won't be easy for us. It's "go time" for Jesus and for us.

Key Choice #2 – Will you choose to go where the _____ leads?

Mark 1:14-20

Reality Check #3 - Following Jesus calls for changing direction and now is the time.

Key Choice #3 - What "nets" will you choose to leave to follow Jesus?

Mark 1: 21-28

Reality Check #4 - Jesus is authority.

Key Choice #4 – What authority are you going to choose?

Mark 1:35-37

Reality Check #5 - Prayer is vital.

Key Choice #5 – Will you choose to do what is necessary to make prayer a _____?

Mark 1: 40-41

Reality #6 - In order to help people, Jesus moved from a comfort zone to discomfort zone.

Key Choice #6 – Will you choose to move into discomfort zones to " _____ " people?

Required Action

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this day whom you will serve.

Joshua 24:14-15

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

Reread Mark, Chapter 1, and review the number and nature of the choices that emerge. Don't focus only on the big choices, but look at some of the "little choices" that show up.

What is your impression of John the Baptist and how would you have responded to this message?

Can you think of times that you have been tempted and (in hind sight) have been able to see how God used it to prepare you for later issues in life?

What is your reaction when you hear the word "repent"? What are some areas where you believe you have been called on to repent? What was your reaction to that? What helped you be successful or what hindered your success?

What are some of the "nets" you hold on to? Do you think Jesus makes the same call on our lives that He did in Chapter 1. Why or why not?

What are some of the things (if any) you need to do in order to make prayer more of a priority? What has hindered you from doing this?

What are some areas where you have been called to move into a "discomfort zone"? (Note: Discomfort does not mean fool hardy, physically unsafe, or dangerous.)

What is your main "take-away" from this week? How do you plan to live that out?

Review the scripture presented in this week's sermon and think about what God might be teaching you. (Note: these might be different than what was presented in the sermon.) Read Mark 2 for next week.



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