

A LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Using *HEARING MARK: A LISTENERS GUIDE*

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March 12 - Kingdom (Mark 1:1—4:34)

Mark 1:1—45	Jesus and the kingdom of God
Mark 2:1—3:6	Jesus and the traditional community
Mark 3:7—35	Jesus and the new community
Mark 4:1—34	Jesus and the parables of the kingdom

Jesus preaches about the coming of the kingdom of God. What is the kingdom of God? How did Jesus challenge the people of his time? How does he challenge us?

March 19 - Community (Mark 4:35—8:26)

Mark 4:35—6:44	First Journey
Mark 6:45—8:26	Second Journey

What are the boundaries of the community as prelude to the coming kingdom of God?

March 26 - Discipleship (Mark 8:22—10:52)

Mark 8:22—9:1	First Lesson
Mark 9:2—50	Second Lesson
Mark 10:1—52	Third Lesson

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? What happens when the powers that be are challenged? Who is blind and who can see?

April 2 - Suffering (Mark 11:1—16:8)

Mark 11—12	The Prelude to the Passion of Jesus
Mark 13	The Passion of the Community
Mark 14—16	The Passion of Jesus

What is suffering doing in the kingdom of God? Now? You want us to tell the secret now?

April 9 - Group Choice

Reading Mark aloud, or Further review and questions