



Growth Group Worksheet

October 8, 2017

1. What other religion or false-gospel strain of Christianity have you most frequently encountered in person? What are the conversations like?

Read Mark 1:1-15

2. The baptism of the Spirit comes in fulfillment of a prevalent Old Testament expectation (Isaiah 32:15; 44:3; Ezekiel 36:26-27; 39:29). We sometimes miss the significance of the Holy Spirit's appearance at the baptism of Jesus. Given some of those OT texts, why do you think it is so significant?

3. John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. If you had to explain what baptism is to someone, what would you say and how would the idea of repentance come in?

4. Lucas often preaches about how OT stories really are about Jesus. Sometimes it's hard to believe that we are supposed to see the connection, but then you have verses like Luke 24:27 and John 5:39. When we see the Apostles preach in the NT we see how they make lots of connections we would often miss. Why do you think we miss Christ-connections so often?

What can we do to develop a better eye for them?

5. If you didn't find one last week, who is one person in your life that may benefit from your walking with them through reading the Gospel of Mark one-on-one?

Pray for each other in the task of fulfilling Christ's command for disciples to proclaim the gospel.