

CONNECT

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? Why or why not?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Mark 1: 1-5

- What does confession and forgiveness mean to you? Why do you think God chose this way to 'prepare' people for Jesus?

Read Mark 1: 6-8

- What is the difference between what John does and what Jesus does? How might that compare to the system of temple sacrifice versus the sacrificial grace of Jesus for us?

Read Mark 1: 9-11

- Why do you think Jesus was baptized by John? Where have you seen a dove before in Scripture? What might this mean?
- How does the claiming of Jesus as God's son in baptism relate to your own baptism?

Read Mark 1: 12-13

- Immediately after Jesus is claimed, he's also tested. Why do you think this is the case? What does it teach us?

Read Mark 1: 14-15

- What does it mean to you to Repent and Believe in the Good news? How do those things go together?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says "The Kingdom of God has come near?"

Read Mark 1: 16-20

- In the calling of these disciples, they literally left life as usual to follow Jesus. How do we 'follow' Jesus in our daily lives today as we 'fish' for people where we are? What do you think people are 'hungry' for?

PRAY