

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

Long Story Short: The Arrival of Jesus



Opening

1. Share about your BLESS rhythms for this week
2. Pair off in groups of two and take turns telling the other person the story of the Old Testament leading up to Jesus. See if you can do it in under 1 minute.

Going Deeper

Read Mark 1:14-15

1. How do ordinary Canadians today characterize Jesus?
 - a. If you were in a conversation with someone who felt these ways about Jesus, how would you go about sharing your convictions about who Jesus is?
2. Imagine you had never read the Bible before, and someone tells you to read Mark 1:1-3. What would you learn in these verses about the purpose of Mark's gospel, Jesus, and the Bible as a whole?
3. One Old Testament scholar argues that if you take away the Old Testament, Jesus' ministry would make no sense whatsoever. Would you agree with this? Why or why not?
4. If you had to summarize why Jesus came to earth, what would you say?

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5. How does your explanation of why Jesus came fit with Jesus' introduction to his ministry in Mark 1:14-15?

6. What words or phrases stand out to you in this passage?

7. What exactly is the Kingdom of God?
 - a. How does it relate to the Old Testament?

 - b. Why is this good news?

 - c. How does the Kingdom of God change the way we see Jesus' ministry?

8. How does Jesus bring the Kingdom near?

9. Practically speaking, what does it mean for you to repent and believe the good news?

Close in Prayer