

## Bible Study Notes

*A companion to the Rooted Podcasts available on YouTube.*

### How to use this:

This is intended to be used flexibly- either in a group, or individually.

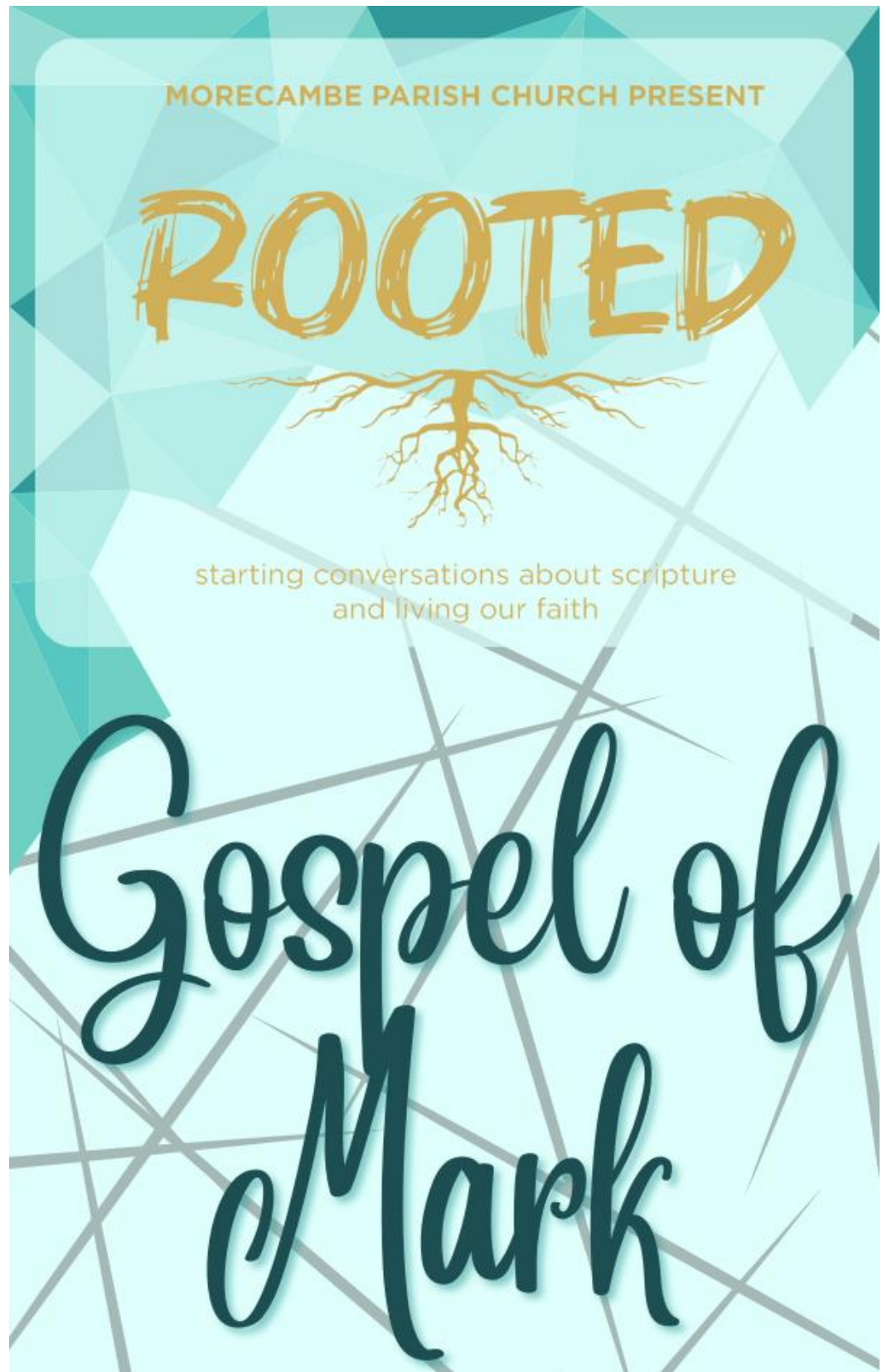
Why not invite a friend to go through this together? You could use a notebook to collect your thoughts.

These questions, along with the Podcast video, are meant to lead us into further thought or discussion.

You can work through all the questions, or just pick one or two that interest you.



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### Session: 3. Everyone is searching for you

Looking at: Mark Chapter 1 verses 29-45

## Where can we find Jesus in our lives today?

### Before you start...

*If you are doing this with others you could light a candle as a point of focus, reminding everyone of God's presence with us as we look more closely at his word.*



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<https://enterthebible.org/book/mark>

*Mark says that after Peter's mother-in-law was healed, she "waited on them." The Greek word is the root of our word "Deacon." It can be translated several different ways:*

- 1. to provide food and drink*
- 2. to act as a servant*
- 3. to meet someone's needs*
- 4. to do someone a favour*
- 5. to act as a friend or teacher*
- 6. to minister in the church*

*How would you translate it in this passage?*

*How might the different translations change how we understand this scripture?*

### A prayer for beginning:

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*  
**Psalm 119:105**

Heavenly Father,  
As we study your bible help us to come to you with all humility, praise, and thanksgiving.  
We ask for your guidance and your Holy Spirit so that we may never let an opportunity to grow in you pass us by.  
Also, we ask that you fill our hearts with love for one another as you have intended.  
We pray in the mighty name of Jesus,  
Amen.

## Introduction to the passage from The Bible Project

After the introduction to Jesus and his message, Mark places a block of stories showing Jesus's power as he brings God's Kingdom into reality. Jesus goes around healing people whose bodies are sick, broken, or under the oppression of dark spiritual powers. He even does something that, for Jewish people, only God has the authority to do—forgive sins. Jesus's provocative actions in these stories produce very different responses. Many people become his disciples and follow him, some totally reject him, while others don't know what to think.

### What stands out to you in these passages?

#### **vv.29-31 Home and family**

After the synagogue, Simon Peter and Andrew take their new friends to their home.

How do your church life and your home life fit together?

Where do you find Jesus in your home and family life?

What does it mean for us to call our church a family? Are there ways we could improve our church family life?

Sue said “That building has taught me 100% to rely on God... we’ve prayed and prayed, and God has given us everything we need”. Sue highlighted through her experience in the pantry that even through the challenges, God never let us down.

What does trusting God look like day to day for you?

Jim said: “When we come... on a Sunday morning, we can be thinking ‘how is this good for me, and how will it shape *my* week?’. Sometimes we have to think, ‘how is this good news for the people that I meet this week?’”

Sue said: “I think a lot of us really struggle with quietness - our brains are just so full... all these things we need to do, it’s really hard when you’re silent to switch all that off, but with practice it does get easier.”

How do you best meet with God?  
Do you think you could build some quieter times into your days?

### **vv.35-39 *Prayer and work***

Jesus makes time and space to pray alone. After praying, Jesus decides to go into nearby villages (v.38).

v.35 Why do you think it was important for Jesus to pray alone? (see [Matthew 6:6](#))

v.37 Do you think Peter and his companions were criticising Jesus when they found him? Were they right or wrong to do so?

Do you find it easier to pray alone or with others?

How much time do you spend each day praying about decisions you need to make?

### **vv.40-45 *Caring and sharing***

Jesus heals a man of leprosy. The man isn’t sure if Jesus is willing – but he is! Jesus tells the man not to tell anyone what has happened, but the news spreads anyway.

v.40 Do people today have a hard time believing that Jesus is willing to help them? If so, why?

v.44 Why do you think Jesus asked the man not to tell anyone how he was healed?

v.45 Why do you think the man told people about Jesus anyway? Was he right or wrong (or both)?

From Psalm 46:10-11

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Something to listen to:

[https://youtu.be/El3bLeXwoX0?si=xqhOvy\\_rmYt007Z3](https://youtu.be/El3bLeXwoX0?si=xqhOvy_rmYt007Z3)

Looking for You – Zach Williams  
ft. Dolly Parton

## Conclusion

*In this passage, we can see that Jesus has three priorities:*

1. *Prayer*
2. *Mission*
3. *Caring about people's physical needs*

*Being a disciple means following in Jesus's footsteps. How can we live out these three priorities in our own lives?*

## Things you might like to pray for:

Ask God to help you become deeper and more faithful in your prayer life.

Pray that God would continue to bless the mission of the church and show us new ways to tell people about the Gospel.

Pray for those who are sick or suffering, or those who do not believe Jesus cares about them.