



John Mark – Discipling with the Body (Acts – 1 Peter) - Growing Together
August 25, 2024

Who are you growing together with, spiritually?

- Jesus
- Aquila & Priscilla
- Naomi
- John Mark

The church is Jesus' body

God uses different parts of the body at different times to grow us together

Mary's Son

So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. **Acts 12:12 NKJV**

Barnabas' Cousin

And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark. **Acts 12:25 NKJV**

And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant. **Acts 13:5 NKJV**

Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. **Acts 13:13 NKJV**

Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing." **Acts 15:36 NKJV**

Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. **Acts 15:37 NKJV**

But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. **Acts 15:38 NKJV**

Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; **Acts 15:39 NKJV**

but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. **Acts 15:40 NKJV**

And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. **Acts 15:41 NKJV**

She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son. **1 Peter 5:13 NKJV**

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. **2 Timothy 4:11 NKJV**

Bible Study Principles

- **Law of First Mention**
- **Law of Last Mention**

Gospel of Mark

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Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? **1 Corinthians 3:5 NKJV**

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. **1 Corinthians 3:6 NKJV**

So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. **1 Corinthians 3:7 NKJV**

God uses John Mark to show us the messiness & beauty of discipleship

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. **2 Corinthians 4:7 NKJV**

always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. **2 Corinthians 4:10 NKJV**

This week's [OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan](#):

August 26- Isa 15-17 & John 14

August 27- Isa 18-21 & John 15

August 28 - Isa 22-23 & John 16-17

August 29 - Isa 24-26 & John 18

August 30 - Isa 27-28 & John 19

August 31 - Isa 29 & John 20

September 1 - Reflection & Prayer

August 25

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NURSERY

GOD MADE THE WORLD

CREATION PT. 1



In this series, we learn that God made the world we live in. He made land, sky, sea and plants!

Memory Verse: "God made the World" Genesis 1:1 (Adapted for Toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Made the Land

Parent Connect: Go on a nature walk and collect different kinds of "land" (dirt, grass, sand rocks, etc). When you get home, put all of the things you collected in a shallow tub and let your toddler play with them (supervised). Talk with your toddler about how God made the land as you walk and as you play together.

GKJR

THE PROMISED LAND

MOSES AND JOSHUA



In this series we will learn about Moses from birth, to parting The Red Sea, and all the trials that he and the Israelites went through as God led them to the Promised Land.

Memory Verse: "This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Heart of the Lesson: Joshua and the Battle of Jericho | Joshua 5:13-15, Joshua 6

Parent Connect: Today we learned of the Battle of Jericho and how when we do what God says, we win! With your kid, play some music at home and march around the house, pretending to be soldiers who marched around on the walls of Jericho.

ELEMENTARY

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

BIBLICAL FRIENDSHIPS



Jesus wants to be our best friend, but He also wants us to have friendships on earth too. In this series we want to show our kids how to be a good friend, find a good friend and examples of different kinds of friendships in the Bible.

Memory Verse: "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Heart of the Lesson: Friends bring each other to Jesus - Luke 5:17-26

Parent Connect: Today we learned about a man who couldn't walk so his friends carried him onto a roof, let him down through the roof just to meet Jesus. Who are friends who help you follow Jesus?

On promotion Sunday we talked about how we shouldn't let people look down on us because of our youth as we looked 1 Timothy 4:12. In this series, we will explore that idea further and dive into what discipleship looks like as a 5th or 6th grader. This month in G56 we are learning about what it means to be a disciple, Jesus' example of discipleship, and two examples of discipleship from the Bible.

Memory Verse: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Heart of the Lesson: John Mark – The fruit of discipleship can take time - Acts 12:12, Acts 15:37-39, 2 Tim. 4:11

Parent Connect: To continue the discipleship conversation at home, you can order the book, Follow Jesus, written by senior pastor, Tim Howey, and go through it with your student.

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

GROWING TOGETHER



When we are followers of Jesus, we aren't meant to grow in our relationship with Jesus alone! We can honor God by letting other people help us grow in our faith, and responding by helping others grow in their faith too. This is called DISCIPLESHIP. This series, we're going to look at people in the Bible that can teach us about what discipleship can look like!

Memory Verse: You have heard me teach in front of many witnesses. Pass on to people you can trust the things you've heard me say. Then they will be able to teach others also. (2 TIMOTHY 2:2 NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: We are all disciplined by multiple people in God's family!

Parents/Caregivers:

- Who was part of the "team" that helped grow John Mark's faith? Name as many people as you can!
- Who is part of the "team" that helps grow your faith?
- Have you ever been tempted to give up on helping grow someone's faith? What helped you keep going?
- Is there someone you can show what it looks like to follow Jesus this week?