## Group Study Week Two: Mark 1:9-13

**Further Reading O.T.***:* Read the Prophesy of the Spirit anointing the Messiah from **Isaiah 11:1-4**

**Further Reading N.T:** Read other Gospel accounts of Jesus’ baptism and wilderness testing. **Matthew 3:13-4:11; Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13**

**Further Study:** As you read write out any words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.

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**Notes:**

**Prayer:** Pray for your group’s time together. Pray the Lord would minister to you by his Spirit as you read and discuss his word. Pray you would grow in love with Christ as you read and discuss Mark’s gospel account.

**Read:** Ask a person to read Mark 1:9-13

**Summarize:** Have 2 group members who didn’t summarize last week share how they would summarize the passage in their own words.

**Confession Questions:**

**1.** Last week we saw John preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In verses 9-11, Jesus, who is sinless goes to be baptized*. Why do you think a sinless Jesus would get baptized? Explore possible reasons in your group.*

**2.** The Father says to the son “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” This statement is also true for all who believe the gospel. *Christian, describe the effect this statement has towards you.*

**3.** After Jesus is affirmed by the Father with all love and pleasure he is driven into the wilderness. This reality should change the way we view wilderness like times. *Confess a time where your experience of a wilderness like circumstance tempted you to assume God’s distance or displeasure with you?*

*4. How can knowing God’s love and pleasure towards you help you to walk by faith through a current trial or your next trial?*

**Response Discussion:**

***5.*** *Personal:* Discuss times in your day or week where you most need to remember the Father’s words from verse 11.

(Work to memorize Mark 1:11 this week and spend some time each day meditating on this verse.)

***6.*** *Church:*  Talk through ways the members of your group can encourage other church members next Sunday when we gather.

***7.*** *World:* Pray for a missionary of our church this week and discuss ways your group can encourage them this week.

**Pray:**