



Mark 1 - Confidence

What stuck out to you?

Mark 1:11

Do you ever get down on yourself or struggle with confidence?

- I always want to do everything perfectly but rarely do anything perfectly
- Maybe you struggle with the confidence to do things at all

John and Jesus were confident guys

- John is a crazy dude but it doesn't really stop him from being effective
- it takes a lot of confidence to be that weird a dude in front of a bunch of people

-Jesus stands up to direct temptation from Satan

-Jesus calls guys to follow him

-Jesus casts out demons

-Jesus walks away from a large following (ver 38)

How could these guys do this stuff? (I'm not sure I would be confident to do any of it)

1) They knew who God said they were and that God loved them

-ver 11

-God very clearly tells Jesus he is his son

-Jesus knew he had an intimate connection with the Father

-He knew the Father loved and cared for him

-All God's affections toward Jesus are good

Romans 8:14-17

-if you have put your faith in Jesus you are a son and heir of God

-God is your Father

-He is a good Father who listens to and cares for his children

-We should not fear because God will always be our Father who cares for us and can provide

*That's only one of the things God says about you

2) They knew God had given them something important to do

ver 2-3

-John had been tasked to prepare the way for Jesus

Ephesians 2:10

-God is working in you to prepare you

-He has something important set up for you to do

*Don't miss the opportunities you have now because you are looking for some big things down the road

*the works are prepared, God is preparing you, you aren't going to miss them if you are seeking him

Small Group Questions

1) Do you ever feel discouraged or lack confidence?

2) Is it encouraging to know God is your Father? How does that encourage you?

3) What is something you can do right now?

