



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **Mark: A Gospel for New Yorkers**

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Scriptures: **Mark 1:8**

8 I baptize you with[a] water, but he will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday marks the beginning of a 5-month journey through the Gospel of Mark. Mark wastes no time confronting us with the reality of Jesus, the Messiah, who calls us to follow Him with our whole lives. We'll launch the series with two pressing questions: *What makes Jesus distinct?* and *What does it mean to prepare the way for Him?* These are not just questions to ponder, but a call to live differently in light of the Gospel.

Sermon Questions:

1. How are you feeling about studying the book of Mark over the next 6 months?
2. In Jesus, new beginnings are possible meaning God is doing something new. In what area of your life are you desiring a new beginning or start?
3. Mark is like a New Yorker, he doesn't waste time. The two main questions he is addressing:
 - What makes Jesus unique?
 - How do we prepare the way for him?

What does Mark want the readers to know about Jesus and why do you think he starts out his book this way?

4. We are called to prepare the way for Jesus but instead many of us try and:
 - Get out of the way. (Jesus wants to work with and through us)
 - Get in the way. (Is my life preparing the way of getting in the way?)
 - Which do you most relate to and why?
5. What do you think it looks like to prepare the way for Jesus?