



Rockbridge Church Small Groups Lesson 16
Mark 16 – Real Jesus (Read Mark 16)

Questions:

1. What do you see in Mark 16 that helps you know what Jesus is like?
2. In what ways do you see Jesus hard at work, on a mission, with a purpose, loving people?
3. What one thing about Jesus stands out to you in this chapter? (What about Jesus astonishes you, amazes you, challenges you or comforts you?)
4. In Mark 16, who encounters Jesus, and how do they respond to Him?
5. How are you responding to the Jesus you encountered in Mark 16?
6. What was most instructive, and what did you appreciate most from Sunday's sermon?

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Mission

*"In the same way that You gave Me a mission in the world,
I give them a mission in the world."
Jesus – John 17:18 (Message Bible)*

*"The most important thing is that I complete my mission,
the work that the Lord Jesus gave me."
Paul – Acts 20:24 (NCV)*

*And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world
and preach the gospel to all creation."
Mark 16:15*

The Meaning of Mission

- Our word "mission" comes from the Latin word for "sending." "Mission" describes the relationship of the believer, family and church to the world.
- Mission is a comprehensive word that describes all God **sends** us into **the world** to **be** and to **do**. It includes introducing people to Jesus (the gospel), and it includes social responsibility.
- Mission flows out of the heart of God. God is a sending and going God. Being created in God's image, you are made for mission. It's in our DNA – we have missional DNA.
- Because we are the "sent" people of God, the church is the instrument of God's mission in the world. Many people see it the other way around. They believe mission is an instrument of the church. We may say "the church has a mission," but it would be more accurate to say "the mission has a church."

At RbC, our mission is **creating opportunities for people to see, hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ**. We care about people — reaching them with the gospel. All of us are always on mission where we live and work and play, so that every man, woman and child has the opportunity to see, hear and respond to the life-giving and life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sharing the gospel is the great world-changing adventure you were made for.

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