

**The Heart of God Series: The Gospel of Mark**

A. If it were you, how would you prove to everyone that you are God?

1. If we had God's power, probably, we would first use that power to take care of \_\_\_\_\_
2. If we had God's power, probably, we would want to \_\_\_\_\_ a little too

B. Contrast that with the person and work of Jesus

1. Jesus *really does* have the power of God, but he never uses that power to help himself, and he never uses that power to show off; rather, he only uses his power to help other people, to \_\_\_\_\_ to the needs of other people

a) Why did Jesus calm the storm?

b) Why did Jesus feed the 5,000?

c) Why did Jesus heal so many people?

C. Heb 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who wants to talk to and be with God must both believe that He exists *and* believe that God \_\_\_\_\_ enough to respond to those who seek Him."

D. 5 Short Accounts from Mark

- 1) Healing of the Demon-Possessed Man (1:21-28)
- 2) Healing of Simon's mom (1:29-31)
- 3) Healing of the multitudes (1:32-34)
- 4) Healing of the Leper (1:40-45)
- 5) Healing of the Paralytic (2:1-12)
  - when Jesus saw the man and the *faith* of his 4 friends, He loved them; He responded to them and their need

E. What characterizes the heart of God?

- 1) When people seek God, God responds to them; and in the same way, when you seek God, God will respond to you
- 2) maybe God doesn't respond the way we \_\_\_\_\_, but he always responds in the best way possible
  - Ex – the paralytic "Your sins are forgiven"

F. Whenever a person with genuine needs, genuine hurts and pains came to Jesus for help, *He always helped them*; Again maybe not the way they expected, but He always helped them nonetheless

G. Do you believe that God cares enough to respond to *you*?

A. ourselves 2. show off B1. respond C. cares E2. want