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Mark 1:1-8

Home For The Holidays: Memories of Home

The power of story

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1).

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

Hope is found in the telling

“As it is written in Isaiah the prophet...” (Mark 1:2a).

“If we have any humanity in us, seeing [people] going to perdition, ... ought we not be moved by pity, to rescue the poor souls from hell, and teach them the way of salvation” (John Calvin, from Sermon 196 on Deuteronomy 33:18-19).

Sharing the story brings healing

*“And [John the Baptist] preached, saying, ‘After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit’”
(Mark 1:7-8).*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

*“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”
(Mark 16:15).*

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16).

John the Baptist preached forgiveness of sins in the desert telling the people who listened of One who would come who was more powerful than he.

Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:1-4

