



“INTERESTED or COMMITTED”
The Life of Mark

*“To be a Christian in the first century required
not only a heart of faith but also a spine of steel.”*

WHO is MARK?

- *His name is _____ Mark* ACTS 12:12, 25
- *The _____ of Barnabas* COLOSSIANS 4:10
- *The Spiritual _____ of Peter* 1 PETER 5:13

“Interested” Mark...

1. _____ *when THREATENED* MARK 14:50-52; PROVERBS 24:10
2. _____ *when INCONVENIENCED* ACTS 13:4, 5, 13; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:24-27
 - *Jesus and the Four Soils...*

“Committed” Mark...

1. **PERSEVERED SPIRITUAL** _____ ACTS 15:37-39; PROV 24:16
2. **PURSUED SPIRITUAL** _____
 - *Barnabas* ACTS 15:37
 - *Peter* 1 PETER 5:13
 - *Paul* PHILEMON 1:24; 2 TIMOTHY 4:11
3. **PENNED the EARLIEST** _____ *“The Gospel According to Mark”*
 - *Are You “Interested” or “Committed”?*
 - Interested* _____ *Up. Committed* _____ *Up*
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LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED “*In your opinion...*”

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on the life of Mark, the author of the earliest Gospel. We looked at his development from being an *interested* follower of Jesus to a *committed* follower of Jesus. Anything helpful?
2. Why is it important to recognize there are stages in growing in our *commitment* to Jesus?
3. What is the problem with remaining an *interested* follower of Jesus?
4. What keeps people from developing into a *committed* follower of Jesus?

GOING DEEPER “*According to the Bible...*”

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Mark 4:1-20, the parable of the Four Soils.**
 - In verse 13, what level of importance does Jesus place on understanding this parable? Why?
 - How do the 2nd and 3rd soils describe an “*interested*” follower of Jesus? What are the problems in these two soils?
 - How does the 4th soil represent a “*committed*” follower of Jesus? What makes this soil productive with regard to the word of God?
- **Read Luke 14:25-35. Is Jesus calling his disciples to be *interested* or *committed*? What comparisons and illustrations does Jesus use to describe a *committed* disciple?**
- **Read 2 Peter 3:18. What does Peter command us to grow in? What is so important about these two areas of discipleship that Peter would make these his last words?**
- **Read 1 Peter 4:10, 11. What has God given to every Christian? How could the use or neglect indicate whether we are *interested* or *committed*?**

LIVING OUT

- Referring to the *interest/commitment* stages at the end of the sermon notes, what is your next step as a committed disciple?