

**Life in the Word**  
**Week 4**  
**POMGAP**

George Muller (*Soul Nourishment First*) - “Now, I saw that the most important thing I had to do was to give myself to the reading of the Word of God, and to meditation on it, that thus my heart might be comforted, encouraged, warned, reprov'd, instructed; and that thus, by means of the Word of God, while meditating on it, my heart might be brought into experiential communion with the Lord.”

ESV Study Bible (*Introduction to Mark*) - “...discipleship [or being a follower of Christ] for Mark is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting him, confessing him, taking note of his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him.”

ESV Study Bible (*Outline for Mark*)

- I. Introduction (1:1–15)
- II. **Demonstration of Jesus' Authority** (1:16–8:26)
  - A. Jesus' early Galilean ministry (1:16–3:12)
  - B. Jesus' later Galilean ministry (3:13–6:6)
    - 1. Calling of the Twelve (3:13–35)
    - 2. Parables (4:1–34)
    - 3. Nature miracle, exorcism, and healing (4:35–5:43)
    - 4. Rejection at Nazareth (6:1–6)
  - C. Work beyond Galilee (6:7–8:26)
    - 1. Sending of the Twelve (6:7–13)
    - 2. Death of John the Baptist (6:14–56)
    - 3. Teachings on moral defilement (7:1–23)
    - 4. Opening to Gentiles (7:24–30)
    - 5. Additional miracles in Decapolis and Bethsaida (7:31–8:26)
- III. **Testing Jesus' Authority in Suffering** (8:27–16:8)
  - A. Journey to Jerusalem (8:27–10:52)
    - 1. Peter's confession (8:27–33)
    - 2. Call to discipleship (8:34–9:1)
    - 3. Transfiguration and healing (9:2–29)
    - 4. Instruction on discipleship: putting others first (9:30–50)
    - 5. Instruction on discipleship: divorce, wealth, humility (10:1–52)
  - B. Entering and judging Jerusalem (11:1–13:37)
    - 1. Triumphal entry to Jerusalem (11:1–11)
    - 2. Jesus' judgment on religious leaders (11:12–12:44)
    - 3. Jesus and the coming judgment (13:1–37)
  - C. Death and resurrection in Jerusalem (14:1–16:8)
    - 1. Betrayal (14:1–52)
    - 2. Trial (14:53–15:20)
    - 3. Crucifixion and resurrection (15:21–16:8)
    - 4. [4. “Longer ending of Mark” (16:9–20; see note)]

Mark 1:40-44 – “And a leper came to [Jesus], imploring him, and kneeling said to him, ‘If you will, you can make me clean.’<sup>41</sup> Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, ‘I will; be clean.’<sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.<sup>43</sup> And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once,<sup>44</sup> and said to him, ‘See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.’”

ESV Study Bible (*Note on Mark 1:40*) - “A leper is ceremonially unclean (Lev. 13:45-46; see also note on Matt. 8:2-3). As an outcast, he is financially and socially isolated, dependent on charity.”

## **POMGAP Bible-Reading Method**

### **P – Prayer**

- Just open your heart to God, ask Him for help as you look at the word
- Think in terms of IOUS
  - I - Incline my heart to your word (Psalm 119:36)
  - O - Open the eyes of my heart (Psalm 119:18)
  - U - give me an undivided heart (Psalm 86:11)
  - S - Satisfy me with Jesus (Psalm 90:14)

### **O – Observations**

- Read the passage through a couple times, out loud, if you can
- Notice the words and phrases and the connections *between* words and phrases
- Look for repetition, major themes, emotions, major shifts in the text
- If you don’t understand something, look at your Study Bible Notes
- Use the cross-references
- It will help, if you have the time, to write some things down

### **M – Main Point**

- What is the main point that the *original author* wanted to convey to his *original audience*?
- If you need some help, look at your Study Bible (intro to the book, outline, surrounding texts)
- Be simple (try not to be too complex)
- Write it down if you can

### **G – Gospel**

- Where do you see the gospel (the good news message of Christ) in this text? Or, in what ways is this text *fulfilled* by Christ? Or, in what way does this text *point* to Christ?
- It might take some practice to find Christ and the gospel in every passage. That’s okay. Just keep working at it!

### **A – Application**

- Based on everything you’ve seen so far, how is God now calling you to respond to this text?
- Is there something specific God is now calling you to do?

### **P - Prayer**

- Just praying these things back to God, asking God for help, lifting your heart to God
- Be simple, childlike in your prayers