

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Crown and **Cross** of Christ

*Chapter 13: The Urgency of Eternity*

We study Scripture to know God, not just know about Him. God is a loving Father who has given His Word for His glory and our good so challenge yourself to read the Word everyday and read it relationally.  
2 Timothy 3:16-17.

*Start with prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind to the Truth of Scripture and what God is revealing to you through His Word.*

*Mark Chapter 13 can be difficult to interrupt. Take your time reading through the chapter. Read Mark 13 in the greater narrative context asking why chapter 13 sits where it does in the entire book. The next chapter brings us to the betrayal of Jesus and His imminent death of the cross. Jesus is taking this moment to teach both about the eternal Hope with a temporal opportunity for those who follow Christ. We are going to use the SOAP method to study this chapter. If you want more information about the End of the Times (eschatology). We have articles on our website. [www.thebridgehtx.org/reading-plan](http://www.thebridgehtx.org/reading-plan).*

## DAY 1

*Read : Psalm 92 & Mark Chapter 13.*

### **S- Scripture**

Write out anything that stands out to you. Write out any questions you have about the text. How does this teaching fit into the greater narrative of Mark, go back through the previous chapters and reading plans if needed.

## DAY 2

*Read Psalm 93 and Mark Chapter 13 and write down any observations*

### **O- Observation**

- What jumps out to you?
- What is one thing you didn't notice before?
- What is interesting or unusual?
- Is there repetition, comparison, or contrast?

## DAY 3

*Read Psalm 94, Mark Chapter 13*

### **A- Application**

How does this text apply to you? Is there a specific action you need to take or confession you need to make?

*Remember- think of the urgency we have on this side of eternity and how that applies to your opportunities to follow Jesus and His mission.*

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*Chapter 12: Commandments of the Cross*

## **DAY 4**

*Read Psalm 95, Mark 13*

### **P- Prayer**

Respond to God's Word with your own words. Accumulating head knowledge about God is of little use; it's heart transformation He's after, and that's only possible through the work of the Holy Spirit.

**Pray** that the seed (the Scripture you just studied) falls on good soil in your heart, so that it will take root and produce fruit. **Praise** God for His attributes revealed in the passage.

**Confess** any sin that has come to light during this time of studying. **Thank** Him for His Word and His care. And **ask** the Holy Spirit to continue growing you into a disciple of Jesus.

## **DAY 5**

*Read the Psalm 96 and Mark 12 one more time and watch the teaching.*

## **DAY 6**

*Read Psalm 97 and pray*

## **DAY 7**

*Read Psalm 98 and spend time in prayer before gathering with your House Church.*

*Pray (after) for clarity of How the Truth of God, in Scripture, can transform your mind and life and inform your actions. Pray for your next step of obedience. Pray for your House Church. Pray for the lost in your life.*

Scripture is understood in community, so read to know God and bring your understandings to your House Church. "What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26

*Resources- for more study resources, go to [www.thebridgehtx.org/resources](http://www.thebridgehtx.org/resources)*