

The 2011–2012 Bible study challenges us—it's an invitation to discipleship in the 21st century. The study emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ today. We are called to a living faith, a deeper and more courageous understanding of what it means to follow the one we first meet in Mark's Gospel at his baptism at the River Jordan.

In congregations that use the three-year lectionary, Mark will be used for the gospel lesson on most Sundays, beginning in Advent 2011 and continuing through the time of this Bible study and the summer following. While the lessons being read in your group may not coincide perfectly with the Sunday texts, coming to know this gospel will enrich the experience of hearing each reading used in worship on Sunday.

Summer 2011 Bible study

Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

This three-session study carries the theme of the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering. Written by the Rev. Catherine Malotky and the Rev. David Engelstad, this study will explore how we can renew our faith lives, respond to God's call, and rejoice in our many blessings.

THEME VERSE

**"Take heart; get up,
[Jesus] is calling you."**

(Mark 10:49 b)

September

Session 1: Jesus of Nazareth

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." Mark 1:15

October

Session 2: Mothers and Brothers

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:35

November

Session 3: Power and Authority

"He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'" Mark 4:40

December

Session 4: Beyond Boundaries

"How many loaves have you? Go and see." Mark 6:38

Jan/Feb 2012

Session 5: Confessing Christ

"I believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:24

Session 6: Tough Questions

"Take heart; get up, he is calling you." Mark 10:49

March

Session 7: Rising Expectations

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Mark 13:31

April

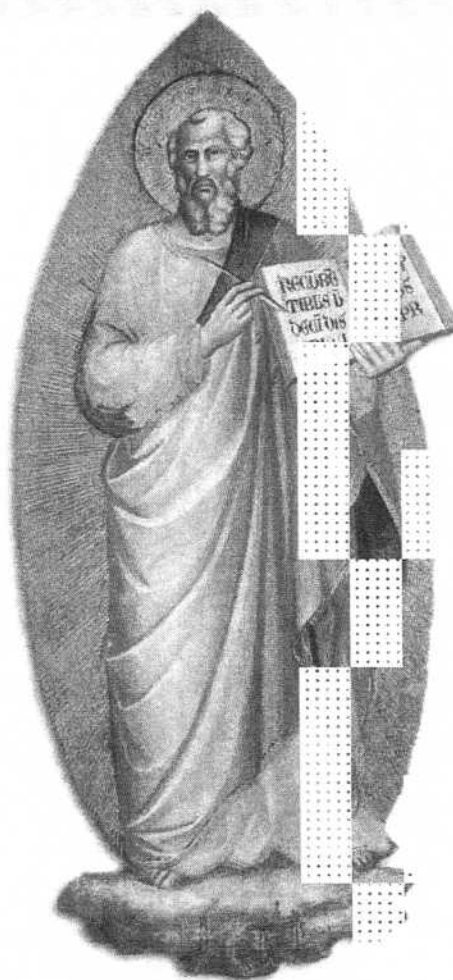
Session 8: A Wholly Different Week

"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Mark 14:28

May

Session 9: Go and Tell

"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." Mark 16:6



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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