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# HOME BASE

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## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God. He said, "The time has come, the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- Mark 1:14



### THIS WEEK'S READING: Mark 1-6

We begin our journey through the New Testament starting with Mark's gospel. This week read the first 6 chapters of Mark. There is a spot on the back of this sheet to reflect on these chapters.

### SERMON RECAP [Review May 31 Sermon](#)

This past Sunday we had a wonderful worship service where a number of our friends shared about songs and hymns that have been meaningful to them. This is the fourth time we have done this type of service. We have been greatly blessed to hear how God has moved in each other's lives through music.



**REFLECTIONS:**  
**Eric Sonsthagen**

In Mark 2:23-28, Jesus makes the proclamation that he is the Lord of the Sabbath. In versus 25 and 26, Jesus cited the incident of David and his companions eating the consecrated bread as an example of how rules, even those from God, are not envisioned to take preference over basic human needs. In this way, Jesus is telling us about divine rules that are sometimes overlooked: God made the rules to serve humans, not to rule humans. In these current times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the basic human needs are more pronounced than even before. God's children on the fringes and margins of society are the most vulnerable, and this pandemic has highlighted the disparity as they fight for their basic needs of food and shelter. Many of them are disproportionately out of work and at risk. It is our responsibility as followers of Jesus to bring awareness to these needs and work to fix broken systems, even on the Sabbath.



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## UPCOMING SERMON TEXT - Mark 1:14-20

*What significance is there that Jesus first teaching is about the Kingdom of God?*

*Why did Jesus choose to talk about the Kingdom first?*

*What connection is there between repentance and the Kingdom?*

## THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

*Read Mark 4.*

### **1. Talk about it:**

Which story do you think is the most important? Why?

Which story can you relate with the most?

How do the stories relate to our world right now?

What can you learn from the parables and all that Jesus does in this chapters?

**2. Do This:** As you read Mark 4, color or draw what you are feeling as you hear/read the stories and parables. Is there something that you can do for someone else after reading Mark 4? -from Brooke Applequist

## CHURCH UPDATE

The staff moved into our new offices the last week of May and we love being in the new space! We are also moving forward with the large building plans. We are waiting for approval from the city on our permits. Final bids have been received from the subcontractors and the final guaranteed price has come in at just under \$3.5 million. There are a number of contingencies built into that number, so we are praying (and we hope you will pray) that everything goes smoothly and the total cost comes in under our budget. Please keep praying!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.*