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Sunday 6:30 p.m.

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Contact: David Minard
(517) 756-8000

Bronson "B" Group
Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Hosts: Jim and Anna Mae Wickey
389 Bawden Road, Bronson
Contact: Jim Wickey
(517) 369-6229

Coldwater Group
Monday 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Scott and Jan Carpenter
587 Scott Drive, Coldwater
Contact: Scott Carpenter
(517) 278-3376

Youth Study Group
Thursday 6:30 p.m.

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Contact: Sharon McMeen
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- I. Who exactly was Mark, also known as John Mark? Read the following verses that give a peek into his presence during Jesus’ ministry ([Mark 14:51-52](#), [Acts 13:5](#), [2 Timothy 4:11](#))
- II. A key verse for Mark’s gospel is [Mark 10:45](#). According to this passage, why did Jesus come? In what ways did Jesus serve people? In what ways are Christians to serve people today? Why was a ransom for many necessary? Note what the following scriptures say about Jesus’ ultimate payment for sins: [Romans 3:21-25](#), [2 Corinthians 5:18-21](#), [Colossians 2:13-15](#)). How do people receive forgiveness for their sins today?
- III. Mark’s gospel is short on preliminaries and introductions. Read [Mark 1:1-3](#). Go back and read this full prophecy in [Isaiah 40:1-11](#). Mark attributes verse 3 to John the Baptist. What in this passage relates to the promised Messiah? When would Jesus fulfill this scripture? Be careful here.
- IV. Now read [Mark 1:4-11](#). In what ways is John pointing to Jesus? What did he mean by baptism with the Holy Spirit? Why do you think Jesus subjected himself to John’s baptism of repentance? Did he need to repent of anything? (Note again [2 Corinthians 5:21](#).) Can you identify the Trinity present at the Jordan River? Explain.
- V. Finally, read [Mark 1:12-15](#). When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we say “Lead us not into temptation”. Why would the Holy Spirit lead Jesus to be tempted? In what sense might angels attend to someone? Note [Luke 22:43](#), [Hebrews 1:14](#). Why do you think Jesus waited until John went to prison to go out publicly to preach? What was his message and how would we restate his message today to our generation?

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