



[trek] introduction

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are to:
t - train you to live God's way
r - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus
e - encourage you to tell others about Jesus
k - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies
 [trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely. When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. That is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

Reflections or questions I have...

What have these passages taught me about:

Who Jesus is?

What Jesus is on about?

[trek] instructions

To get the most out of [trek], work out a time each day when you can read the bible using [trek] for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). There are 5 readings. Here's how we suggest you use [trek] each day:

- 1) Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.
- 2) Read the part of the bible for that day.
- 3) As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)
- 4) Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.
- 5) Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

NOTE: Much more can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.

Mark - Simply Jesus
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God's kingdom will be like....

This week's readings investigate what God's kingdom is to look like and when people can expect it to be revealed. After hearing prophesies from the old testament that outlined that God's kingdom was distant and far off, Jesus preaching is different and outlines that Gods kingdom is very close and immanent.

[trek day 1] The Sower [Mark 4:1-20]

Read Mark 4:1-20
 > What does this story show us about how people become part of God's kingdom? (Hint, v20)
 > What sorts of things are outlined in the passage that can distract does this encounter tell us about Jesus?

Think: are there other things that distract you for wanting to know and trust in the message of salvation through Christ outlined in the bible?

[trek day 2] The Lamp [Mark 4:21-25]

Read Mark 4:21-25
 > If the lamp in this story is the good news about God's kingdom what should we be doing with that message?
Thank God for his wonderful news about his coming kingdom and pray that others who are not yet members of God's family will hear the good news about Jesus, will trust in him and be saved.

[trek day 3] The Growing Seed [Mark 4:26-29]

Read Mark 1:26-29
 > If the seed and the crop in this story is the kingdom of God, who do you think is responsible for making the crop grow, God or the man? Why?
 > What does this show us about God's kingdom?
Thank God that in is great power and wisdom he calls people to be part of his family and by revealing to them the message of salvation in Christ through the word that he gives us to tell to others.

[trek day 4] The Mustard Seed [Mark 4:30-34]

Read Mark 4:30-34
 > If the large tree that comes about from the growth of the small seed is the kingdom of God, what does this show us about what God's kingdom is like?
 > While me might not see God's kingdom as being so strong and powerful what does this show us about what we can expect in the future?

Ask God to help you preserve in your trust in him that one day you might see God's kingdom revealed in all of this majesty and power.

[trek day 5] The Storm [Mark 4:35-41]

Read Mark 4:35-41
 > After hearing in the previous passages about how great and powerful God's kingdom will be what does Jesus do to prove or disprove this?
Thank God that Jesus showed his power and authority over people and over nature which shows us that the kingdom he cam to bring is one that will be powerful and great.

