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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Small Group Questions — The Week of September 20, 2020

Sermon Overview: “You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” These are the words that God the Father spoke over His Son, Jesus Christ. At His baptism, Jesus was blessed with these words. At His temptation, the words of this blessing were put to the test. And at the Cross, Jesus sacrificed this blessing so that these same words might be spoken over you and me. Join us this Sunday as we continue our sermon series through the Gospel of Mark and find out why the Father’s blessing is ours in Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1, 9-15

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “blessing”? What kind of blessing did fathers pass down to their sons in the Old Testament?
2. What words did God declare over Jesus at His baptism? What does this teach us about the relationship between God the Father and God the Son?
3. Where was the Holy Spirit at Jesus’ baptism? Why did the Holy Spirit then lead Jesus into the wilderness?
4. According to the Gospel of Matthew (Read Matthew 4:1-11), what was at the core of each temptation that Jesus faced? What does this reveal about the way Satan tempts us?
5. How did Jesus sacrifice the Father’s blessing on the cross? What does this sacrifice mean for our relationship with God as our Father?
6. In Mark 1:11, God the Father blessed Jesus with these words: “You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” How are these words now ours in Christ Jesus? How do these words shape the way that you live today?