Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Gospel of Mark. Today’s topic: TEACHING DISCIPLES – Part I.

1. The healing of a blind man
   a) Mark 8:22-25 What is unique about this healing miracle, only recorded by Mark?
   b) Mark 8:26 Again we see the instruction of Jesus to tell no one about this remarkable healing. Why?
   c) What healing blessing do we need so we can clearly see the truth about Jesus? Revelation 3:18

2. The truth about Jesus
   a) Mark 8:27-28 What question did Jesus ask His disciples in the region of Caesarea Philippi and what was their response?
   b) Mark 8:29a Why was His second question even more important?
   c) Mark 8:29b How did Peter respond? (Matt. 16:16)
   d) When did you first make your personal confession of faith in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord?

3. The cost of discipleship
   a) Mark 8:31-33 What are your thoughts about this declaration of Jesus and his interaction with Peter?
   b) Mark 8:34-38 When did you realize that becoming a follower of Jesus would involve personal sacrifice?
   c) Who has inspired you as someone who gladly accepted the cost of being a disciple of Jesus?

4. The transfiguration of Jesus
   a) Mark 9:2-8 What impresses you about this scene?
   b) How was the prophecy of Jesus recorded in Mark 9:1 fulfilled on that mountain?
   c) Mark 9:9-13 What can we learn from the interaction of Jesus with His disciples following His transfiguration?

5. The setting free of a demon-possessed boy
   a) Mark 9:14-18 What lesson did the disciples learn from their interaction with this demon-possessed boy?
   b) Mark 9:18-29 How did Jesus respond to this father’s appeal and what lessons can we learn?

6. True greatness in the kingdom of heaven
   a) Mark 9:33-37 According to Jesus, what does true greatness look like in the kingdom of heaven?
   b) Mark 9:38-41 How should we relate to other followers of Jesus who are not part of “our group”?
   c) Share a time you were able to collaborate in mission with other Christians?

7. Limited perception
   a) Mark 9:30-32 Why were the disciples struggling to understand the words of Jesus about His death?
   b) Mark 9:42-50 Sometimes we also struggle with limited understanding. What is Jesus saying here?
   c) Where can we find the wisdom we need? James 1:5