

Session 1

'RADICAL INVERSIONS'



Reading: **Mark 1:16-20**

Introduction:

The phrase **HERD MENTALITY**: is a social characteristic - an inclination to act in the same way as most other people in one's group or society

- Have you ever experienced this?
- Have you ever noticed how you are moulded by the people around you?
- Share your experiences (positive or negative)

WORD:

Take a little time to read the bible passage for today:

- What stands out to you?
- What challenges you?
- What is significant about what Jesus is doing?

As we read through the gospel of Mark - there are a number of 'Radical Inversions' - where Jesus takes a mindset, an idea, a life choice and turns it upside down.

In doing this through word, action and prayer - in the midst of living life with his disciples - they are becoming more like him.

Here are 4 - you may want to pick one or all and look at how you respond to Jesus' challenge.

1. Elevated vs humility (Mark 10:43-44)

Our culture craves popularity and position... *what does Jesus call his disciples to?*

2. Comfort vs discomfort (Mark 6:7-9)

Our culture craves comfort & convenience.

We almost do anything we can to be comfortable & an easy life! *What does Jesus call his disciples to?*

3. Get vs Give (Mark 10:29)

Our culture craves More - more money, more power, more influence. It feels like we NEVER have enough. So we pursue getting more, almost above everything else... *What does Jesus call his disciples to?*

4. Being Served vs Sacrifice (Mark 8:34)

Our culture clings to life... we do everything we can to be safe! *What does Jesus call his disciples to?*

PRAYER:

What prayer response does today's reading and discussion invite?

ACTION:

What practical action does today's reading and discussion encourage?