Grace Episcopal Church Read the Bible in a Year - GraceFullBible - New Testament Reflections: Virtual Class Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date Readings: February 16 - 20, 2015

**Purpose of the Session:** The purpose of this venture is to give disciples the basic knowledge of Scripture, create a discipline of daily prayer and reading, and with the leading of the Holy Spirit move out into the congregation, parish, and world in Worship, Welcome, Study, and Service as God's own disciple in Christ.

## Prayer:

## Readings :

Monday | February 16 | <u>Mark 5</u> | The disciples and Jesus land on the other side of Sea of Galilee; met by a man with a legion of demons; demons ask for mercy from Jesus and are sent into a heard of pigs; massive pork suicide; story told by swineheaders to the region; person healed becomes a missionary to them with the Good News of Jesus; healing/resurrection of Jarius daughter and woman who had been bleeding for 12 years - both unclean - but now could join the community; everyone amazed; Jesus - don't tell anyone and feed the girl.

Tuesday | February 17 | <u>Mark 6</u> | Hometown boy is rejected; Jesus was amazed at their unbelief; sending of the 12  $2 \times 2$  to do ministry; retelling of death of John the Baptist for Herod thought Jesus might be John raised from the dead; disciples report to Jesus; great crowds gathered; large potluck dinner; blowing sea and Jesus says do not fear; and the disciples were amazed.

Wednesday | February 18 | <u>Mark 7</u> | Jesus continues teaching; Tradition vs Faith and transformation of the heart; woman, a gentile, seeks healing for daughter and is willing to challenge Jesus on his ministry; healing deaf person - don't tell anyone - word spreads.

Thursday | February 19 | <u>Mark 8</u> | Feeding of 4,000; demand for signs and miracles from the religious; And he (Jesus) cautioned them, saying, "Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod."; Jesus heals; Peter - Your are the messiah; Jesus - Yeah, but I am going to die and rise; Peter - don't say that!; Jesus rebukes Peter.

Friday | February 20 | <u>Mark 9</u> | Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and God show up as Jesus is glorified - disciples are amazed; Jesus tells them not to tell anyone until after the resurrection; Elijah coming? Elijah has come!; healing of a boy; Jesus predicts again

his death and resurrection; who is the greatest disciple? last first, first last, serve; another healing; watch out for sin.

## Prayer

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Thoughts from others:

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