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**Message Discussion Guide**

**Week of January 7, 2024**

**Message:** Turn the Page, Part 1: A New Beginning

**Key Scriptures:** [Hebrews 1:1-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+1%3A1-4&version=NIV), [Mark 1:1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1%3A1&version=NIV)

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**Message Highlights:**

Have you ever reached a moment in your life when you are ready to turn the page and start a new chapter?

* Whatever the reason may be, many of us have had those moments when we are ready to turn the page.
* God’s Word speaks powerfully to anyone who is looking to turn the page, head in a new direction, and experience a fresh start.

The literal moment when you turn the page from the Old Testament to the New Testament mark a new beginning, and fresh start.

* In the Old Testament, the Israelites had an on-again, off-again relationship with God. They needed a reset.
* The gospel offers a new beginning to our relationship with God.

John Mark was a ministry partner of Peter and Paul who wrote the first gospel account of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection.

* He wrote down what he has heard Peter preach and proclaim many times. Matthew and Luke read Mark and expanded his account in their own gospels.

The gospel of Mark was written to people who were looking to turn a new page. Persecution against Christians was a real challenge. Some were walking away from the faith altogether.

* The message of the gospel is that Jesus provides the new page you’ve been looking for. Don’t give up on him. He is the source of lasting hope.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever had a moment in your life when you were ready to turn the page and move onto a new chapter? What made you feel that way? How did it turn out?
2. Did you make any new year’s resolutions? Why do so many people set resolutions? What makes them so hard to keep?
3. Read [Hebrews 1:1-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+1%3A1-4&version=NIV)
   1. How do these verses describe Jesus?
   2. What do these verses tell us about the importance of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John?
4. [Read Mark 1:1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1%3A1&version=NIV) What is your understanding of the meaning of these key words: “Beginning,” “good news,” “messiah,” and “Son of God”?
5. How does the good news of Jesus provide you with a new beginning? In what ways have you experienced a fresh start because of what Jesus did for you?
6. What is your primary takeaway from this message?