**Marks Gospel. Following the Way of Jesus**

**Sermon series at St Matthews 2018**

**Small Group Study Questions**

**Week 1: Good News Mark 1:1-14**

1. **Why is the Isaiah passage quoted - Isaiah 40:3 (also Mal 3:1 & Exodus 23:20) important to Mark?**
2. **What was the context of the Isaiah passage for Israel?**
3. **Mark 1:4-8; What is it about Johns ministry that was significant for Jesus ministry to follow?**
4. **Mark 1:9-12; How important** **for his future ministry is;**
5. **Jesus Baptism?**
6. **Time in the wilderness?**
7. **What experience have you had in your own life of these two aspects of following Jesus?**
8. **Henri Nouwen speaks of the life of the “beloved”; what does this mean to you? (Mark 1:11)**
9. **Mark 1:14-15; What is the good news of God?**
10. **What does it mean for you this week ahead?**