**Baptized & Tempted**

**Sermon Based Discussion (January 29, 2017)**

**The Gospel of Mark**

**WARM UP**

1. Imagine if someone had never been to a Christian baptism service before. What might they think about what they saw? What might seem strange or unclear? What might seem interesting or even attractive?

*As we consider the beginning days of Jesus’ earthly ministry, we encounter his baptism and his first ministry assignment—facing 40 days of temptation from Satan. We will consider what the Bible says about this, and how it may apply to our lives.*

**INTO THE BIBLE (Mark 1:9-13)**

1. How do you think Jesus felt physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually while being in the wilderness and tempted by Satan?
2. In what ways do all three members of the Trinity (Father, Son and Spirit) show up in this passage?

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. How can we reconcile on the one hand that God calls Jesus “my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” but then on the other hand God’s Spirit drives Jesus to be tempted in the wilderness by Satan for 40 days?
2. For someone who has put their faith in Christ and believes in the gospel, they are now “hidden in Christ” (see Colossians 3:3-4). What does this mean for how the Father views those who have become hidden in Christ?

**DIFFERENCE**

1. If God were to say to you, “You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased…” how would you respond today?
2. In the passage, the angels ministered to Jesus in the wilderness without removing Jesus from the hardships. How might this apply to our lives?

**APPLICATION**

1. If you are not yet baptized into Christ, what is holding you back from that?
2. What is one practical action you can take this coming week to apply what we’ve discussed today?