

Mark 1:1-13 Doing What Jesus Did: Identifying Fintry, 4/9/2011, am

- Start of a series on doing ministry/seeing the Kingdom come *in the way that Jesus did*. Drawing on Ajith Fernando's "*Jesus Driven Ministry*"

Friendship

- Who are you friends with?
 - what do you do/share/enjoy with them?
 - Something in common
 - God has something in common with us... incarnation
 - and invites us to share that with our friends...
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Introduction

- Introduce series:
 - rooted in Mark 1, but exploring more widely
 - ministering - kingdom - in the way Jesus did...
- Trouble with street preaching...
 - lack of formed relationship, identification
 - I'm right, you are wrong...

What did Jesus do?

- Entered our world, put aside his own rights
 - born
 - parental understanding, aged 12
 - critically here in baptism, identifying with our sin...
 - entering into our experience and our reality - on cross forsaken by God
 - all for our sake

Doing what Jesus did...

- Our call as those who **follow him** is to do the same
 - not hold ourselves at a distance from "**sinners**"
 - build relationships, share life, spend time, live and love and lose with people
 - never compromising or neglecting that our goal and desire in so doing is to introduce them to Jesus...
- Strategies:
 - Summer Focus or Alpha, will only work as **part of an on-going relationship and care**