



# MISSION CREEK

## Alliance Church

### MARK 1:9-13

#### 1. Understanding the Context:

- Read Mark 1:9-13
- What is the significance of Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan River, and how does this event relate to the concept of the Trinity?

#### 2. Jesus' Actions:

- In the passage, it is mentioned that Jesus' actions at his baptism speak volumes. How do Jesus' actions reflect his love for the Father and his willingness to fulfill the Father's will?

#### 3. God's Declaration:

- Compare and contrast the statements made by God the Father at Jesus' baptism and at the Transfiguration. What is the importance of the different wording in each scenario?

#### 4. Theological Significance:

- The document introduces the concept of Recapitulation. How does Jesus' baptism serve as a new beginning or a new creation for humanity, according to this theological idea?

#### 5. Personal Application:

- The document encourages individuals to join a community for spiritual growth. How can being part of a small group or community help in your spiritual journey and understanding of events like Jesus' baptism?

#### 6. Divine Love:

- How does the baptism of Jesus provide a window into the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? What can we learn about the nature of God's love from this event?

#### 7. Practical Steps: This passage ends with a call to action. Pastor Keith said:

- *First, say yes to Jesus' invitation. Say, Yes to your need for forgiveness. Say yes to his love.*
- *Second, follow Jesus. Follow him into the waters of baptism. If you haven't been baptized and you've said yes to Jesus, it's time to jump in. Follow Jesus in baptism but also follow Jesus in saying yes to Father, follow Jesus in the kind of love that serves other people.*
- *Third, delight in the words the eternal God is speaking over you today. "You are my child whom I love, in you I am well pleased." Share together which apply to you today?*