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*A Handbook for Discipleship*

(What does it look like to be a follower of Christ?)



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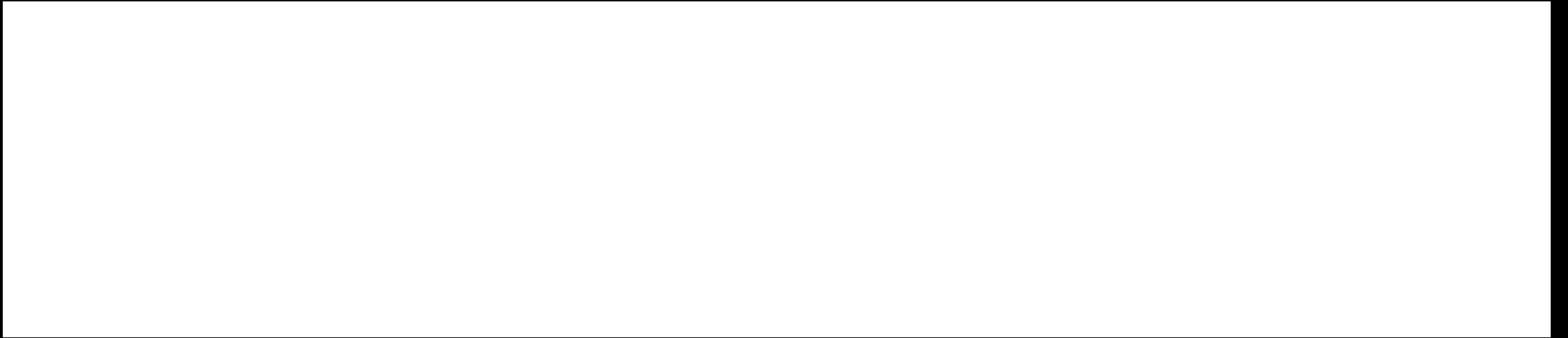
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can together find **room** and **reason**  
to belong, to believe, and to be transformed.*

# Mark

## Written to a Roman mindset:

A short, action packed depiction of Jesus not only as the Messiah but also a King.

10:43b-45

*But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*



# Luke

## Written to a Greek mindset:

1:1-4

*1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.*

# John

Written to an 'everyone' mindset:

20:30-31

***<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.***

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<sup>39</sup> “He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for my sake shall find it. <sup>40</sup> Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives Him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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<sup>34</sup> All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, He said nothing to them without a parable. <sup>35</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

*“I will open my mouth in parables;*

*I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”*

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<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "***I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.***"



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