

The Gospel of Mark
The Adventure Begins
Mark 1:21-28

A great deal more failure is the result of an excess of caution than of bold experimentation with new ideas. The frontiers of the kingdom of God were never advanced by men and women of caution. –Oswald Chambers

Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch devote an entire book called *The Faith of Leap* to this idea—the idea that the kingdom was never intended to be lived entirely within the safety of a church building and confined solely to a once a week experience within that building.

1. We witness the authority of the King.
2. We witness the power of the King.
3. We witness the fame of the King.

What is it that drives our adventure now? How do we capture or re-capture that sense of urgency for the gospel that was once present in those who followed Jesus? How do we witness our King today doing what He came to do? Akin says, “The disturbance of men and demons by the Servant King of God has begun. Life will never be the same! Demons are expelled, and broken people are made whole. This is God’s kingdom. This is what the great King can do.”

For further consideration:

Other than revelation, which source of authority—reason, experience, or tradition—exerts the most influence in your life? How is the respect we show for the Bible, the written Word of God, different from the worship we owe to Jesus, the living Word of God? Which teachings of Jesus do you still find astonishing? What are the advantages of being raised in a “good, Christian home”? What are the disadvantages? Why do you think demons are better able to know who Jesus is than some people? In what ways can the demonstration of Jesus’ authority be used to spread the gospel today?