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# Characteristics of Markans

## “Unhinged”

- Unbound/creative
- Messy (including worship)
- Wildly inclusive
- Gifts-centered
- Will tell you no
- Hate “We’ve always done it this way.”

## Good v. Evil/Mystery

- Witnessed miracles/have encountered God
- Feel the presence and absence of the Spirit
- Absence of the Spirit is their spiritual crisis.
- Why sometimes Markans just leave

## Immediately/ Sandwich Stories

- Spiritual “ADD”
- “Instant” Inspiration
- Get a word, want to move... immediately
- Feel the urgency of the Spirit’s timing
- Burning in the bones



# Characteristics of Mattheans

## Churchiest Book/ Not one jot

- Have an ideal church
- Need order of worship
- Participatory worship
- Programmatic
- Spiritual crisis - church isn't doing anything or is doing harm

## Jesus checks the boxes / Jesus teaches

- To do lists
- Expect concrete transformation
- Have a plan, man (or system).
- Follow... or lead
- Teach/learn to lead to action

## “Yoke is easy”

- Hard workers
- Significance in what we do
- Overvolunteer
- Suffer exhaustion
- Faith without works is dead
- Mission/vision matters



# Characteristics of Lukans

## Table Fellowship/Least, Last, Lost

- People are the mission
- Potluck People
- Worship in fellowship
- Gifted with Hospitality
- Love all people - centered around love of God and love of neighbor

## Sent out in pairs

- Small group oriented
- Conversation is critical
- Resist a reduction in people, so resist change because it is perceived as instigating loss

## Jesus' Family

- High value on preservation of and unity of the church
- Church is family
- Can struggle with sometimes becoming closed or difficult to break in.
- Hate conflict
- Loyal - staying power



# Characteristics of Johannines

## The Exalted One/”I am the Way...”

- Jesus is the central teacher/example
- Hierarchy of learning: Jesus, Scripture, Pastor, Other Leader
- Expect leaders to be strong moral examples
- Spiritual crisis: fall of a great leader/absence of strong leadership

## One-on-One/Beloved Disciple

- Love to learn at the feet of a master
- Lifelong learners
- Deep students of the Bible
- Will teach, but only when they feel expert
- Gifted at reaching youth

## Love Each Other, but Others?

- Standards
- Not as exclusive as it sounds, but does come with expectations
- May come off as arrogant, but perhaps better to describe as committed



# How do the types work together?

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