



Priorities

Mark 1:29-39

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AFTER THE SERVICE - verses 29-31

1. In what way did Jesus demonstrate compassion?
2. In what way did Jesus demonstrate authority?
3. In what ways have you personally experienced Jesus' compassion in your life?

AFTER SUNDOWN - verses 32-34

1. In what ways did Jesus demonstrate His authority over the demons?
2. Note in verse 34 that Jesus healed "many who were sick with various diseases." Why doesn't Jesus heal everybody?
3. Note in verse 34 that Jesus "cast out many demons." Why doesn't Jesus cast out all the demons?
4. What does it mean that the demons "*knew Him*"?
5. Why doesn't Jesus permit the demons to speak?

EARLY IN THE MORNING - verses 35-39

1. Mark tells us that Jesus, after a long hard day of ministry and while others were still sleeping, rose before it was light outside and found a desolate place to pray. Why did Jesus make this such a priority?
2. Admittedly, it is often too easy for us to find reasons/circumstances (excuses?) that we allow to keep us from communion with God in prayer and His word. These days, what are you personally doing to ensure that your alone time with God is a priority in your life?
3. These days, what does your alone time with God look like?
4. Why does Jesus lead His disciples away from the gathering crowds?
5. These days, how are you staying on task with sharing the good news with others?

BONUS QUESTIONS

1. These days, from what Mark opens up to us about Jesus, what impresses you about Him?
2. These days, (other than participating in Life Group and the Service of Worship) what are you doing to grow in your imitation of Jesus?
3. What will you do this week to grow deeper in your knowledge of Jesus and following Him, with His priorities, into the world?

SUPER BONUS QUESTIONS

1. All illness is a result of demonic activity: True False / All illness is a result of sin: True False
2. What personal encouragement can you draw from Jesus' wisdom to discern the difference and respond as appropriate to illness as a result of sin, illness as a result of demonic activity, and illness as a consequence of just living life in a fallen world?