

The Gospel of Mark

Group Guide: Week 5, Mark 1:29-45

INTRODUCTION

Things are exciting around Jesus. Everyone is gathering around, bringing their sick and possessed, and hearing Jesus preach. There is a growing buzz in the air, everything that Jesus does brings change. Mark moves the reader really fast to help us grasp the massive movement of the Son of God. This is no ordinary man. Jesus said it when he showed up on the scene in Mark 1:14-15 but now he is living it. Mark is showing us that this is what happens when light shines into darkness.

PRAYER

READ

Ask someone to read Mark 1:29-45

SUMMARIZE

Have two group members who didn't summarize last week share how they would summarize the passage in their own words.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Thinking of a time in which you were very sick, how did your sickness make you feel emotionally and mentally? Weak, helpless, etc.?*
2. In verse 29, Jesus leaves the synagogue, enters the house of Simon and Andrew, and heals Simon's sick mother-in-law. Despite having left the synagogue, Jesus does not stop doing ministry. *Do you create separation from life at church and life outside the church, e.g. home, work, etc.? Explain.*
3. The people waited until the Sabbath was over, out of concern of breaking the Sabbath, before bringing their sick and possessed to Jesus (v.32). *If Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, why would they wait? In what ways do you postpone coming to Jesus for the sake of cultural norms?*

N.T. FURTHER READING

Matt 4:23-25, Luke 4:40

O.T. FURTHER READING

Isa 61:1, Lev 14:2-32

FURTHER STUDY

As you read write out any words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.

4. Reread verse 35. Jesus took intentional steps for His time in prayer to the Father and as our example we should too. *How is your prayer life? Though it may look different for you, do you seek particular parameters for your prayer life? If not, how might you follow Jesus' example?*

5. In verse 38, Jesus goes throughout Galilee preaching the good news and doing good works (casting out demons). *Is it more difficult for you to proclaim the gospel to your neighbors or to do good works? Explain why it is more difficult for you.*

6. Reread verses 40-45. Jesus does something that nobody in Israel was allowed to do, touch a leper. This is life changing for the man with leprosy because for the first time in his life he is allowed back into the community of God's people. *Spend some time sharing the ways God has healed the sin and sickness in your heart and the life changing reality of being in the presence of God's people.*

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RESPONSE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Personal: Discuss one way that you want to adjust your schedule this week to make time for prayer. Talk through how you will hold one another accountable.

Church: In regards to service this Sunday discuss one way you would like to respond or grow in serving the members and attenders of our church.

World: Who are the outcasts of today's society? Who do we have a tendency of keeping at arm's length? How might we follow the example of Jesus and reach out and minister to them?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:

Mark 1:11 (For each chapter of Mark there will be one verse to meditate on)

PRAY TOGETHER