

Sermon Notes

"Jesus' Morning Prayer and Priorities"

Mark 1:35-39

April 27, 2025

5. When is the best time for you to be alone with God? Where do you typically go for that alone time? Do you need to make any changes to your time or location?

6. What do you typically do during your alone time with God? Is there a different practice (e.g., journaling, writing your prayer, praying through Scripture, etc.) you'd like to try to incorporate into that time? If so, what will you need to do to prepare for that?

7. Which of Jesus' tasks did He consider most important: preaching, healing, or casting out demons (1:38; see also 1:14-15, 21-22, 27)? What does this reveal about the priorities of Jesus' mission? How can you order the parts of your life to reflect the priorities Jesus had?

8. Following Jesus' example, what can you do this week to spend more quality time with the Lord in prayer?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 04-27-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 70; Lyman Coleman, et.al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 90; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 15; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 28.

Getting Started:

1. Do you truly believe that prayer is a profitable use of your time? Explain.

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 1:35-39.

2. After preaching and healing in one town, and before heading for another, what did Jesus do (1:35)? If he was the Son of God, why do you think he needed to do this?
3. Take note of the immediately preceding context. What makes this early morning prayer time so surprising? What does this reveal about this as a priority for Jesus?
4. What is most difficult for you about praying?