

## **Solitude and Community**

### *The Way Series*

#### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a celebrity in public? Did they do anything out of the ordinary?
2. Why do you think, as a culture, we are fascinated that a public figure has a personal life?
3. Read Mark 1:32-39. What stands out to you about Jesus' actions?
4. Why is it significant that he intentionally sought out a desolate place to pray when he was being bombarded with people wanting his attention?
5. Why is only having a "public" faith and not a "personal" faith an incomplete relationship with God?
6. Have there been times in your faith journey where your relationship with God only consisted of attending worship services and never spending time reading the Bible or praying alone with God?
7. How would you describe your personal relationship with God right now?
8. How does solitude provide rest for your soul? (see Matthew 11:28-29)
9. How does solitude remind you of who you are? (see 2 Corinthians 5:17)
10. How does solitude test your faith in God? (see Mark 1:36-38)
11. How does solitude strength the community? (see 1 Corinthians 12:26-27)
12. If you have a consistent rhythm of spending personal time with God, share what has worked for you.
13. If you do not yet have a consistent rhythm of spending personal time with God, share with the group what you hope to do going forward and how the group can pray for you.