

Jesus Models A Life On Mission
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Text: Mark 1:32-39

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Big Idea: The life of a disciple-maker is full of ACTION. Every disciple of Jesus should learn from how Jesus modeled daily life.

#1-Jesus poured himself out doing _____ (Mark 1:32-34)

- Jesus worked hard to bring the _____ to hard places and hurting people.
- Living your life in such a way that God can work through you “to bring the presence of God” into another’s life is a _____.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:17-19

#2-Jesus prioritized _____ (Mark 1:35)

- Jesus was fully God, why did He need to pray?
 - #1-Jesus prayed as an _____ to his followers.
 - #2-The _____ consists of both divine and human natures. From His human nature, it was perfectly natural for a Jewish believer such as Jesus to pray.
 - #3-The nature of the _____ allows for communication between its members. As God the Son, Jesus could pray to God the Father.
- Note Jesus’ pattern of behavior:
 - And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed (Mark 1:35)
- Things that will ruin solitude: _____

Solitude is a chosen separation for refining your soul. Isolation is what you crave when you neglect the first.

#3-Jesus did not _____ to others, but rather chose to live from a place of mission and purpose (Mark 1:36-39)

- He stayed focused in the middle of great demands upon His time, interruptions and busyness.
 - **How did he do that?**
 - **He allowed His mission and calling to _____ Him.**
- *You will either pursue your calling or life will keep you busy reacting to it.*
 - The _____ always **screams** for your attention.
 - The _____ **waits** for you to respond to it.

Truth into Action:

#1-Jesus poured His life out ministering to others. **Create space for ministry!**

#2-Jesus prioritized prayer because He had to. **Plan for communion with God!**

CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

#1-A growing disciple learns to respond to life NOT REACT. Determine your mission.

#2-Prayer prepares you. Make plans to pray.

#3-Let us know how we can help you and pray for you.



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Why do you think Jesus needed to pray?

- Does prayer seem like a chore to you? Why or why not?
- Why did He wake up early in the morning?
- Why did He go to a desolate place?
- What can you learn from Jesus' example?
- Is it better for you to have personal devotions in the morning or another time of the day? Why?
- What are some practical ways you can prioritize spending quality time with the Lord each day?
- Jesus lived his life responding to it not reacting. What can you learn from Jesus' example?

People who are serious about something always make room for it in their schedule. BE SERIOUS ABOUT PRAYER.

Closing Prayer: Father, I need to have spiritual intimacy with you regularly. Help me to create space for it in my life. Amen.

Resources:

- E.M. Bounds, Power through Prayer
- Jan David Hettinga, Follow Me: Experience the loving leadership of Jesus
- R. C. Sproul, The Gospel of Mark;
- Tim Keller, Chris the King
- Life Application Bible Commentary, Mark
- Jason Meyer, Mark for You
- Gaebelein (Ed.), The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Mark