

The Priorities of Prayer and Preaching
Mark 1:35-39
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1. The priority of private prayer (35-37)

2. The priority of public preaching (38-39)

Next week: Mark 1:40-45

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What is one thing you learned in this sermon?
2. Why did Jesus go to a desolate place to pray rather than praying in the house where he was staying?
3. Why did Jesus pray?
4. What is the best time of day for you to spend time in prayer alone with God?
5. Is it hard for you to pray? Why or why not?
6. Why was Christ's preaching more important than His miracles?
7. Is listening to preaching a high priority in your life? What evidence of this is there in your life?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How is individual prayer different from corporate prayer?
2. Why is it important to get alone with God?
3. If you are under pressure, and there is not sufficient time to (1) get enough sleep, (2) spend enough time in prayer, and (3) take enough time to do a job well, which of these are you likely to compromise? Why?
4. What needs to change if you are going to make prayer alone with God a priority in your life?
5. When the word is preached, how focused are you and how much do you absorb? If there is room for improvement, how can you be more focused and absorb more?
6. How can you reflect the high priority of preaching in your preparations for coming to the Sunday worship service?
7. How can you reflect the high priority of preaching in your response to preaching?
8. How can you encourage your pastors in their work of preaching?

Some of these questions are taken from Daniel L. Akin, Exalting Jesus in Mark, page 38.