

Small Group Questions

Mark 1:35-39, Part 2

Review:

In the Mark 1:35–39, we see that the crowds and disciples had their own agendas for Jesus. It seems that the disciples wanted Him to capitalize on the hype of the crowds. The crowds wanted Him to prioritize healing and exorcisms. However, despite the pressure, Jesus maintained His commitment to the God-honoring priorities of prayer and gospel proclamation. As followers of Christ, we must have these same priorities.

Read: Mark 1:35–39

Discuss:

1. In verses 35–39, what were the expectations and demands that Jesus was facing from his disciples and the crowds?
2. Were the demands/expectations of the crowd good, bad, or somewhere in between? What about the demands/expectations of the disciples?
3. How did Jesus respond to these demands and expectations? What were His priorities?
4. If Jesus' primary commitment was the proclamation of the gospel, why did He do so many signs and wonders? Prove your answer from Scripture.
5. What do we learn from Jesus' example of prioritizing the proclamation of the Gospel?
6. What do you think keeps us from being more like Jesus in this regard? What keeps us from sharing the Gospel more often? What Scriptures would you use to motivate someone to greater faithfulness in this area?