

READ MARK 1:35-45

In verses 1:35-39, what about Jesus' reaction to his new popularity seems surprising? What do we learn here about Jesus' personal priorities?

vv. 36–39. Why do you think Jesus chose to leave behind, rather than stay and build on, the apparent success of his ministry in Capernaum?

Describe some of the distractions that divert your attention from the Father? How do they affect your willingness to obey him?

Participating in “Kingdom” work does not mean fitting Jesus into our schedule. It means submitting our lives to his calling whenever and wherever it leads. - Francis Chan

Review Mark 1:29–45. What was the result of Jesus' miracle? How long did Jesus continue to heal people? Why is it notable that Mark distinguished between the demonized and the diseased (1:32)? What overall impression do you get of Jesus from this passage? From Mark 1 in general?

What is it about the theme of “Jesus as Servant” that resonates most with you? Why is it important to you to see Jesus as a Servant? What about that image is difficult for you?

What role does compassion play in servanthood?

In verses 1:40-45, what is surprising about how Jesus heals the leper? What do we learn from his method?

What in Mark 1 helps you to see Jesus' authority? Why is His authority important to you? How do you experience Jesus' authority in your faith life?”

What are some ways Jesus has enabled you to serve Him?

vv. 1–45. In what ways does Christ demonstrate His authority in the first chapter of Mark?”

Go back through Mark 1 and put a star next to the phrase or verse that is most encouraging to you.

RESOURCES

[The Secret to Prayer - Mark 1:29-39 Chris Brown \(55:06\)](#)

[The Gospel according to Mark - Bible Project \(5:35\)](#)

[Mark 1 - Max McLean \(6:00\)](#)

[Mark 1 - Word for word NIV \(8:31\)](#)

[Mark 1 - Going deep \(2:23:11\)](#)



[Part 3 Flipping the Script - Andy Stanley \(39:59\)](#)

Week 3: Flipping the Script

Whether it's school, sports, or religion, when we focus only on the rules, it can be difficult to remember the overall purpose of something. Jesus reminds us that when we focus so much on the letter of the law, we may forget why the law was written in the first place.

Discussion Questions

1. What role, if any, did rule-keeping play in your religious experience?
2. Were you left with the impression that the rules were more important than the people expected to keep the rules?
3. **Read Mark 2:15–17.**
 - What stands out to you?
 - What do you think Jesus meant by “healthy” and “sick?”
4. **Read Matthew 11:28–30.**
 - What stands out to you?
 - What does this invitation imply about the outcome of following Jesus?
 - What does the term “yoke” imply?
5. Is there an area of your life where you are emphasizing rules over people? How would your spouse, friends, or kids answer that about you?

Changing Your Mind

If your view of religion emphasized rules over a relationship with God and others, you're not alone. But Jesus came to

introduce a new way of thinking. God loves you more than he loves rules. If you are a sinner, you are invited to follow Jesus. If you are a follower, you are invited to yield to Jesus.

The kingdom of God is near, and everyone is invited to participate.