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**Welcome To The Kingdom Of God Part 2**

Mark 1:29-45

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ calls us to participate in His Kingdom ministry by humbly obeying His commands.

J**esus Continues To Display His Kingdom Authority:**

1. Jesus is exerting His authority over demons and

 disease.

**Jesus Show Us The Necessity Of Prayer:**

1. Jesus didn’t let the needs of the people keep Him

 from an intimate relationship with God the

 Father.

 A. Prayer was Jesus’ secret weapon.

 B. Prayer isn’t something we do, it’s someone we are

 spending time with.

**Lessons We Can Learn:**

1. Serving is a characteristic of discipleship.

2. Intimacy not ministry is the most important thing to

 Jesus Christ.

3. Don’t chase miracles, chase after God.

4. Make time alone with God a priority.

5. Now is the time to tell others about Jesus Christ.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Commit to being people who obey Jesus Christ and serve Him completely.

**Food For Thought**

How would you describe your experience with prayer growing up?

When it comes to prayer in your own life, do you...

\_\_\_\_ Prefer to pray silently instead of out loud

\_\_\_\_ Find your mind wandering when trying to pray

\_\_\_\_ Rarely think about praying

\_\_\_\_ Look forward to prayer time as a group

\_\_\_\_ Feel awkward about praying out loud

\_\_\_\_ Don’t really know how to pray

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

After a hectic day of helping others (vv. 29-34), Jesus needed some time to be alone and pray. What do you think He prayed for? How might this time in prayer relate to Jesus’ decision to move on (v. 38)?

When it comes to your day-to-day mission as a disciple of Christ, how much of a priority is time alone with God? What is the greatest obstacle you face in your devotional life?

Can you, like Jesus, confidently say “this is why I have come”? If so, what is your God-given mission, and are you are being obedient to it at this time in your life?