

“In the Morning”

Mark 1:29-39

I. A Lesson on Prayer. (Mark 1:32-35)

- A. Jesus went out without fanfare to commune with the Father.
- B. He recognized the importance of a time and a place to pray. (Matt. 6:6)
- C. This was something that caused Him to rise early in the morning.

II. A Lesson on Priorities. (Mark 1:35)

- A. The Spiritual was more important than the physical to Jesus. (Matthew 6:33)
- B. He used this time to stay focused on what his priorities really were.
- C. He prioritized His relationship with the Father above all others.

III. A Lesson on Purpose. (Mark 1:37-38)

- A. His purpose was wrapped up in the Gospel. (John 17:4)
- B. He did not order his life by the opinions of others or the urgency of others but by a divine purpose.
- C. His prayer life supported His greater purpose and kept His focus clear.

IV. A Lesson on Pastoring. (Mark 1:35-36)

- A. A leader (Shepherd) cannot lead others to a place that He has never been.
- B. Jesus led not only in word but in deed to teach the disciples to follow His example. (I Peter 2:21)
- C. Those that are ‘with’ Him will follow Him into the season of prayer.

V. A Lesson on Power. (Mark 1:39)

- A. Before every major event in the ministry of Jesus, we discover Him in prayer.
- B. He was uniquely strengthened in the time of prayer.
- C. We are empowered when we seek the Lord in prayer. (Acts 4:31-33)