

Small Group Questions

Mark 1:35-39

Review:

In the Gospels, we never see Jesus in a panic. We never see Him in a rush to make a meeting. We never see Him derailed from His primary mission. Despite the ever-increasing demands on Him, Jesus remained committed to God-honoring priorities. As followers of Christ, our own stability hinges on a similar commitment to Christ-like 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?
4. What do your priorities reveal about you? How do your priorities line up with what we see in Jesus? What changes do you need to make in order to have more God-honoring priorities?
5. What can we learn from Jesus' example of prioritizing prayer?
6. How does prayer "advertise our dependence upon God?" What are you "advertising" if you go a day without prayer?
7. Discuss how your private prayer life is structured. When do you pray? How do you keep up with prayer requests? What tools do you use to help you pray?