



Week #8 of The Gospel of Mark

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Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. Prayer turns God's power on, but religion, pursuing miracles over Jesus' message, and seeking success over surrender to Jesus can all turn God's power off. Are you guilty of tripping any of these "power off" breakers?
2. Ready Mark 1:35-39. Jesus walks away from people with legitimate needs. Why? What struggles do you think the people back then had with His choice? What struggles do you have with it?
3. Simon's mother-in-law was "touched to serve" (Mark 1:31). What implications does this truth have for us? Check out any of these verses for a deeper dive on the subject: Philippians 2:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Galatians 5:13-14; Mark 10:42-45; Ephesians 4:11-12.

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- In his sermon, Pastor Chico said, "The pattern of my prayer life reveals who I think is in charge." What is your reaction to this?
- As you consider your pattern of prayer, is there anything you'd like to start, stop, or do differently regarding your prayer life? Do your prayers reveal that God is more worthy or useful?

Looking Ahead

Read Mark 1:40-2:12. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out. What did you learn about God's compassion and forgiveness in these verses?



Praying Together

- Finish this sentence: Prayer is...
- Check all that apply: When it comes to prayer, I...
 - Prefer to pray silently instead of out loud
 - Find my mind wandering when trying to pray
 - Rarely think about praying
 - Look forward to prayer time as a group
 - Don't really know how to pray
 - Other _____

Praying in Our Understanding

1. Read Mark 1:29-39. What would you circle, highlight, or underline as important in these verses?
2. What do the following passages teach us about prayer?
 - Mark 1:35-37
 - James 5:16
 - Philippians 4:6-7
 - Hebrews 4:16