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Mark and his Gospel

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<sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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**Open:** Our passage today deals with the authority of Christ. Think of those people who have (or have had) authority over you. Do you tend to respond to authority positively or negatively? Explain.

**Read & Discuss:** Mark 1:14-20

1. According to Mark, Jesus' public ministry began by His proclamation of the Gospel (v. 14). "Gospel" is a familiar term to many Christians, but it is not always clearly understood. In your group, try to identify the necessary elements of the Gospel.
2. What do you think Jesus means by saying that "the time is fulfilled" (v. 15)? We often think of the kingdom of God as a future entity, yet Jesus says "the kingdom is at hand" (v. 15). Why? Is God's kingdom a conscious reality in your daily life? Explain.
3. Jesus calls people to respond to the Gospel with repentance and belief (v. 15). In what way are these both important aspects of Gospel faith? What problems might arise if someone responded to the Gospel with only one of these? How would you go about explaining the meaning and importance of these two terms to a new believer?
4. Two pairs of brothers are called by Jesus to follow him (vv. 16-20). His plan is to make them "fishers of men" (v. 17). What might this tell us about the ministry of Jesus and the nature of the kingdom of God?

**Read & Discuss:** Mark 1:21-45

5. In verses 21-45, Jesus demonstrates His authority in His teaching (vv. 21-22), in His command of demonic spirits (vv. 23-28, 32-34), and in His power to heal (vv. 30-34, 40-45). How might each of these have been important to Jesus ministry? (See *John 2:11; 3:2; 6:2; 7:31; 9:16; 11:47-48; 12:18*) How do these demonstrations of authority relate to His announcement in verse 15?
6. After a time of much activity, Jesus retreats to a quiet place. What do Jesus' actions and words in verse 35-39 reveal about His priorities? To what extent should we share in these priorities?
7. Given all we've learned of Jesus so far, why do you think Jesus still needed to pray (v. 35)? How would you use this passage to impress upon a new believer the importance of prayer?

**Apply:** What stands out to you about Jesus in this passage? How will you respond?

**Pray:** Ask God to work in us so that we might more fully submit ourselves to Jesus' authority and welcome His work of making us all "fishers of men."

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