

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

SERVANTHOOD & SACRIFICE IN A SELFIE WORLD

QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: Do you have a regular, daily time of prayer? Is there a particular time or place that you pray?

1. Some general patterns seem to emerge regarding Jesus' personal habits in verse 35. Also read Mark 6:46 and 14:32. What can we learn from this verse that might be beneficial to our own patterns in life?
2. What can we discover about the leper's attitude by his posture towards Jesus in verse 40?
3. What was Jesus risking by responding to the man the way He did? What can we learn about Jesus' nature from this encounter described in verses 40 to 41?
4. This encounter gives us a graphic illustration of Jesus' mission on earth. Read Galatians 3:13-14 as well, and then in your own words, describe Jesus' mission. What word would we commonly use to describe the "mission" of Jesus?
5. Jesus' response and charge to the man in verses 43 and 44 was somewhat surprising. What was His response and why might Jesus have instructed him in this way? Why would Jesus instruct him to show himself to the priest? (Read Deuteronomy 24:8; Leviticus 14:2-4)
6. By disobeying Jesus' instructions to "say nothing to anyone", how did the man complicate Jesus' plans? How do you identify with the man's reaction and response? In what ways do we do the very same thing today?
7. What did you find particularly helpful or challenging about the message this week?