

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What have we learned in taking time in solitary prayer?
2. Does God work mighty works in our lives today and ask us to keep it to ourselves?
3. How do we know when the Lord is telling us to move on (work, home, state, country, etc.) or if it is our own desire?

SUMMARY:

Today's lesson of Jesus' ministry in Galilee has tremendous examples for us to follow in serving Him:

Prayer: Jesus spent time apart with God for prayer and meditation.

Purpose: Jesus knew His purpose on earth. His eyes were fixed on His goal.

Preaching: Christ had a message, and crowds of listeners to carry His message to others who hadn't yet heard.

Power: Jesus' ministry was a work of God, and was a ministry of power, of deliverance and cleansing.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

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Fourth Quarter

JESUS' MINISTRY IN GALILEE

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 1:35-45*

LESSON SETTING: In Galilee

TIME: The beginning of Christ's ministry.

- I. A PRAYERFUL MINISTRY.** Mark 1:35-37
 - A. Solitary Prayer. Matthew 6:5-6; 14:23; 26:36, 39
 - B. Special Time for Prayer. Psalm 5:3; Daniel 6:10; Luke 6:12
 - C. Prayer Before Service. Mark 9:29; Acts 6:4
- II. A PREACHING MINISTRY.** Mark 1:38-39
 - A. In the Regions Beyond. Mark 16:15; Romans 15:19-21; 2 Corinthians 10:14-16
 - B. Preaching with a Purpose. Matthew 9:36-38; Mark 10:45; John 20:21; Romans 10:14-15
- III. A POWERFUL MINISTRY.** Mark 1:40-45
 - A. Christ is Able (vs. 40) Mark 9:23; 10:25-27; Ephesians 3:20; 2 Timothy 1:12
 - B. He is Willing (vs. 41) John 1:12; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9
 - C. His Word Brings Cleansing (vs. 42) John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26
 - D. He Commands (vs. 43-44) Mark 5:19-20
 - E. His Fame Spread Abroad (vs. 45) John 4:39

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . *IF THOU WILL, THOU CANST MAKE ME CLEAN.*

Mark 1:40b

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 2:1-12

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus “preached the Word.” This was not entertainment, or “show business,” or a “healing campaign.” He simply “preached the Word” to those who were hungry to hear. People recognized that this was not just another man. He spoke with all the authority of God. A paralyzed man and his four friends recognized that here was the answer to a desperate need. Their faith gave them persistence against all obstacles. The crowd came between them and the Lord. But they found another way—through the roof. The faith that moves mountains is not limited to convention. It is a faith of action, and a faith of persistence. Above all it is a faith in God.

Jesus saw their hearts. He saw their faith. He also saw a need, and He had compassion. No stage, no admission cards to a “healing line.” The man came to Jesus, and went away forgiven and healed.

The crowd was a hindrance to his coming. But his four friends brought him to Jesus. Jesus did the rest!

By God’s grace, may we imitate the four friends—and not the crowd!

CENTRAL TRUTH: If we expect Jesus to meet our physical needs, we must first permit Him to cure our spiritual life.

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . *THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE.* Mark 2:5b

Tremendous progress has been made in modern-day medicine and public health. But man’s greatest need, his spiritual health, is often so sadly neglected. Christ still has compassion. “... *him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.*” (John 6:37) He is still the one and only remedy for a sin-sick soul. “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*” (Acts 4:12)

Christ is the timeless, ageless remedy for both the sinful nature, and for sins. In Christ we receive both forgiveness of sins that have been committed—and a new nature, “... *old things ... passed away ... all things ... become new.*” (2 Corinthian 5:17)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 1 – 7

M. Prayer and Healing. 2 Kings 20:1-11

T. The Psalmist’s Testimony. Psalm 103:1-11

W. *Jesus Forgives and Heals. Mark 2:1-12

T. The Paralytic Restored. Luke 5:17-26

F. Compassion and Healing. John 5:10-16

S. Healing and the Glory of God. John 9:1-11

S. Confession and Healing. James 5:15-20

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