



The Gospel Of Mark

Home Group Discussion Guide

Healed To Help

Mark 1:29-34

ICEBREAKER: Who's the best cook you know, and what's his or her specialty?

OVERVIEW: In Mark 1:29-34, Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law. Next, she immediately got up and served Jesus. **The natural response to Jesus' healing is to serve Him.** That means that if you are not serving Jesus, then 1 of 3 things is true of you. Either you want to serve but don't know how; or you have forgotten how much Jesus has done for you and lost your motivation; or you have not been saved in the first place, and using your time and energy to serve Jesus is a ridiculous idea. In this discussion we will learn more about becoming better servants of Jesus both in and outside of church.

1. Read Mark 1:29-34. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-12. What is the pastor's (and other church leaders) job? What is the job of God's people?
3. In some churches (if not many), the pastor/staff do too much ministry, and the many members don't do enough. How does this hurt the health of the church? Why does this happen? What can you do to help the church not fall into this trap?
4. In the sermon it was said that maturing as a Christ-follower is all about growing in servanthood (becoming a better servant). Do you agree? Explain.

5. What are some (specific) ways that you can be a better servant outside of church (home; school; work; sports, etc.)?
6. In the sermon, it was said that you will always get far more out of serving than the church will get out of your service. Do you agree or disagree? How has serving benefitted you?
7. In the sermon it was said that you can serve Christ in the church in informal and formal ways. What does this mean? What are some examples of informal ways that you personally can serve others in the church? Does someone in the church have a need that God might be leading you to meet? Explain.
8. Read Ephesians 4:16. According to this verse, what leads to a healthy church? Have you discovered your own special work (way to serve and contribute) in the church? Explain.
8. Read Romans 12:6-8, and 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. Spiritual gifts are empowerments for ministry; they are talents, skills, knowledge, and passions that God has given you to contribute to the health of the church. What spiritual gifts has God given you? How have you used your gifts and talents to serve the church?
9. If serving Jesus is the natural response to His healing, how would you counsel and encourage someone who has lost their motivation to serve God in the church?

The Last Word: Every single Christian has a special work to do in the body of Christ. That means every Christ-follower is called to get in the game and serve in the church.