

Right Away Jesus

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF MARK

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Read Mark 1:29-39

The disciples step into following Christ with the seemingly minor first step of going to Simon and Andrew's house and curing the fever of Simon's mother-in-law. Do you find yourself evaluating your life based on the scale of the impact you've had? Why do you think that's a human tendency?

Explore and discuss more on this surprising approach of Jesus by reading Mark 10:35-45, Mark 4:30-32, Matthew 18:1-5.

Simon's mother-in-law took Jesus' hand before he had taken away her fever. Have you ever had a time of acting in trust before a prayer was answered? What did that look like?

Jesus regularly got away by himself to pray. What role do you see that playing in his interaction with his disciples? Is it difficult to prioritize time alone with God when life is demanding? How have you seen the presence or absence of that time in your own life impact you personally? Or has it?

The disciples came to Jesus and said "Everyone is looking for you," and Jesus chose not to do what they were asking. Do you feel pressure to live up to the expectations of others? How do we balance being true to our own purposes and "being a servant of all" as mentioned in Mark 10?