



SESSION 2 | JANUARY 16, 2022

READ MARK 1:14-45.

WATCH SESSION 2 | MARK 1:14-45. *(10 minutes long)*

As you watch the [RightNow Media video](#), pay attention to the following questions:

- What does Jesus focus on as He begins His preaching ministry?
- What was unique about Jesus' invitation to the disciples to follow Him?
- How did the city respond to Jesus' miraculous healings? How should we?

After watching the video, **DISCUSS the questions above.

READ MARK 1:14-20.

- How did the disciples react to Jesus' invitation to follow him? How would you have responded?
- What might you **lose** by dramatically following Jesus the way the disciples did? What might you **gain** by doing so?
- For you personally, do the gains exceed the losses?

READ MARK 1:21-34.

- What were the people saying about Jesus' teaching (1:22)?
- What authority or power does He show in 1:23-27?
- What authority or power does He show with Peter's mother-in-law (1:29-31)? How was His encounter with her counter-cultural?
- In this passage, does Jesus use His authority and power for only those who believed and followed Him?

READ MARK 1:35-42.

- What does Jesus going away to pray amidst his ministry of healing, and doing it very early, say to us?
- What do the disciples say when they find Jesus in 1:37?
- What do you make of Jesus' response in 1:38?

SESSION GOALS

Main Idea: We are called to surrender every aspect of our lives completely to God.

Head Change: To understand that discipleship to Jesus means He grounds and guides every aspect of our lives.

Heart Change: To feel motivated to obey based on God's love, not on our guilt.

Life Change: To surrender every aspect of our lives to the Holy Spirit's transforming work.

TO TAKE WITH YOU AS YOU GO

(Consider using this to guide your prayer as you close your time together)

- Followers of Jesus are world-changers in an upside-down way, serving the unlovely, the sick, the excluded, just like the One they follow.
- In your life, your priorities and your attitudes, how can you more affirmatively answer Jesus' call?
- Reflect on Jesus' habit of withdrawing for prayer during significant events. In what ways can you begin, or further, such a practice?
- Can you serve someone, perhaps "marginal" in some way, who cannot pay you back?
- Consider: Could you invite into the kingdom that person whom you most loathe, who is most undeserving of entry?

