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Power, Purpose & The Promise

Text: Mark 1:35 - 2:12

Big Idea

We cannot fulfill the Father's _____ apart from time
in the Father's _____
Mark 1:35; John 5:19

Question:

Jesus spent periodic, private, extended time with God as a part of
his spiritual rhythm of renewal. What am I doing?

_____ and _____ are matters of power
because at the center of both is Jesus the _____
Matthew 12:28; Isaiah 40:10

1. Jesus has the _____ to _____
Mark 1:40-42

2. Jesus has the _____ to meet us in our _____
Mark 1:40-42; Luke 15:20; Exodus 34:6

3. Jesus has the _____ to _____
Mark 2:5, 10

The Bottom Line

Jesus is the _____ Son with the _____ to make
all things _____
Jeremiah 31: Daniel 7:13-14

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- ☐ Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time today.
- ☐ Memorize Mark 1:41
- ☐ Trust in Jesus' power to heal my _____
- ☐ Trust in Jesus' power to forgive my _____
- ☐ Follow Jesus' example by setting aside time this week to sit in the Father's presence
- ☐ Get the most out of this weekend's teaching by attending my Life Group this week.



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We cannot fulfill the Father's purpose apart from time in the Father's presence.
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Question:

Jesus spent periodic, private, extended time with God as a part of his spiritual rhythm of renewal. What am I doing?

Kingdom and Gospel are matters of power because at the center of both is Jesus the King
Matthew 12:28; Isaiah 40:10

1. Jesus has the power to heal
Mark 1:40-42

2. Jesus has the compassion to meet us in our needs
Mark 1:40-42; Luke 15:20; Exodus 34:6

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The Bottom Line

Jesus is the promised Son with the power to make all things new
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Discussion Questions - Week #8

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, “The Power of Jesus”, summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

► As this will be the last Life Group meeting before Thanksgiving, share one or two things you have been most thankful for this year.

► What's your favorite thing about the Thanksgiving Holiday?

► One of the consistent responses to Jesus' miraculous works was amazement (Mark 1:27, 2:12). When you think of the stories told of Jesus in the gospels, what amazes you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the message this weekend, we saw that Jesus is the one who's to come to make all things new. It's therefore not surprising that Peter reflects on this theme in 1 Peter 1:1-9. How does Jesus make all things new?

If we've been given a new birth, why does it seem like we're often the same old person?

What does it look like to possess a living hope?

If God's power is keeping us safe until the coming of our salvation (v.5), why does Peter immediately suggest that we may endure grief through suffering all kinds of trials (v.6)?

How could this passage encourage or challenge you this week?

2. Read Romans 8:1-11. What stands out to you in this passage?

According to Paul, we are no longer condemned. What happened that changed our status?

What would you say to a Christian unsure if they were forgiven?

What do you think it means that the righteous requirements of the law are fully met in us, and how is this good news?

How would you describe the difference between the mind governed by the flesh and the mind governed by the Spirit to a new Christian?

How does this change demonstrate God's power?

FOR PRACTICE

This weekend, we read the story in Mark 2 of four friends carrying a paralytic to Jesus. Undaunted by their inability to enter the house, they climbed to the roof, peeled back a section, and lowered their friend before the Lord. In addition to emphasizing Jesus' authority to forgive sins, the passage also speaks about the role of community. In our spiritual lives, sometimes we carry, and sometimes we're on the mat. Particularly with our fears. When receiving a negative diagnosis, experiencing the loss of a loved one, or so many other terrifying moments, we need friends who, amid our fears, will bring us to Jesus. As a community practice this week, consider sharing with your group members the things that stir your deepest fears and are most likely to take your eyes off Jesus.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the situation in Israel. Ask God to protect families, children and civilians in both Israel and Gaza. Ask Him to comfort and strengthen His people and help those impacted by war find healing and hope amid the devastation.