

Priorities

“Keep in mind that you are always saying 'no' to something. If it isn't to the apparent, urgent things in your life, it is probably to the most fundamental, highly important things...”

-Stephen Covey

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Mark 1:21-39

- How does Jesus handle the sudden interruption of the service (v. 23-26)?
- What are the various dimensions of Jesus' ministry, and what is the people's reaction to him (v. 22, 27)?
- How does Jesus respond to the unexpected, urgent tasks that call for his action?

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- What impresses you about the way Jesus' day ends (v. 32-34)?
- How do you think Jesus' "quiet time" in v. 35 influences the way he sorts out his priorities and plans his activities?

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- What new pressure does the disciples' report in v. 36 put on Jesus?
- How do you think Jesus was able to turn his back on these pressing needs and move on to other places (v. 38-39)?

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Application

How can we handle the challenge of saying “Yes” to God’s direction when it means “No” to people’s demands or needs?

Do you have a plan for regular solitary time?

Next Week:
Another Painful Decision

John 11:17 - 44