

Focused Priorities in a Frantic World

Mark 1:29-39

We can learn a lot about someone by following them during a typical day. We can learn even more by observing them under pressure. On one of the busiest days of his life, amidst the pressures of hurting people, growing popularity, and the expectations of his followers, Jesus maintained three priorities—people, prayer, and preaching.

The Priority of People—Minister to the needs of others (29-34)

Jesus learns that Simon's mother-in-law is sick and in bed with a fever. He compassionately goes to her, touches her, and heals her completely. (29-31)

As Jesus' popularity grows, the hurting population of the entire city comes to have their needs met. (32-34)

The Priority of Prayer—Spend time with God (35)

Despite a hectic schedule, needy people, and a whirlwind of activity, Jesus gets up early to spend time in prayer.

The Priority of Preaching—Share the good news (36-39)

Simon and company want Jesus to capitalize on his popularity. (36-37)

Jesus' mission was to proclaim the good news, not become the resident miracle worker. He would not let popular acclaim change his priorities. (38-39)

Putting it into practice

Amidst the busyness of life

Serve the needs of others

Waste time with God

Share the gospel