

Small Group Questions

Mark 1: verses 16 to 45

I used the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible for the sermon slides on Sunday.

Warm-up question

- What is your overall impression of Jesus after reading these verses?

- How do these verses challenge your understanding of Jesus' authority and ability to act in your life?

- What are some practical ways you can prioritise spending time alone with God?
 - What would help inspire you to spend more time with God?

- How does the healing of Peter's mother-in-law demonstrate Jesus' compassion and concern for everyday needs?
 - How do you think Peter felt after Jesus called him to leave everything and follow; and then Jesus was in his house, healing his mother-in-law?

Looking at the story of Jesus healing the person with leprosy:

- How can we demonstrate similar compassion to people on the margins of our community; and who are those people?

- What does this act of compassion teach us about Jesus' attitude towards us; in other words, what if you saw yourself as the person with leprosy in this story?

In verses 43 to 44, Jesus commands the healed man not to share what has happened.

- Why do you think Jesus says this?

- Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John left their livelihood to follow Jesus. What something or someone in your life are you holding onto that is keeping you from following Jesus?