

Home Group notes for the week following 4 February 2018

SERVANTHOOD

AS WE GATHER

The key theme in the Gospel of Mark is Jesus Christ the Servant. Having presented the identity and authority of the Servant (Mark 1:1-11 and 12-28), Mark continues in this week's readings to record the Servant's compassion.

READING SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:21-32 Psalm 147:1-11 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

THINKING TOGETHER

Jesus revealed the very nature of God as He ministered to those who came to Him after the Sabbath ended (Mark 1:29-32), when He went home with Peter and Andrew for the Sabbath meal.

Do you leave Jesus at the church or do you take Him home with you after the service?

Discuss

Peter and his family were quick to share with Jesus the problem of illness in the home (Mark 1:30).

How did Jesus respond? Discuss (Mark 1:31a)

How does He respond when you share your problems / troubles with Him? Discuss (Psalm 147:5)

What was the result of this miraculous healing -

- **In the house? Discuss (Mark 1:31b)**
- **In the community? Discuss (Mark 1:32-33)**

How do you respond to the working of Jesus in your life? Discuss (Psalm 147:7 1 Corinthians 9:16-18)

Why did the crowds come to / follow Jesus? Discuss

Why do you come to / follow Jesus? Discuss (Psalm 147:1 + 10-11)

Mark tells us Jesus healed many people that evening – some with physical illnesses and some who were demon possessed.

How did Jesus deal with the demons? Discuss (Mark 1:33b)

Why did He not let them reveal who He was? Discuss

Mark records that in spite of an exhausting day and evening, Jesus still made time early next morning to meet with His Father

Why was it so important to Jesus that He meet with God each morning? Discuss (Isaiah 50:4 and 40:1 + 25)

**Why is it important for Christians to meet with God / Jesus each day? Discuss
(Isaiah 40:28-31)**

When the disciples came to Jesus to tell Him everyone was looking for Him, He immediately said they were moving on

From His response what can we learn about Jesus' priorities? Discuss (Mark 1:38)

What are your priorities as a child of God? Discuss

IN CLOSING

Jesus said and did everything within the will of God: The loving and obedient Servant Son, bringing glory to the Father.

Paul looked upon his ministry as a privilege, a duty and a reward; being a God given opportunity to serve and glorify his Lord and Master, as he brought the gospel to all who would receive it.

We all have God given talents and gifts to use in our daily lives

Do you use these for God's glory?

PRAYER

Everlasting God,
you heal the sick and restore the distressed.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, make us agents
of your healing and wholeness, that your good
news may be experienced throughout creation.

Amen