

Small Group Questions

Mark 1:21-28

1. Discuss why it is so easy to “believe” something about scripture or Christ and really not have that belief affect or daily lives? Where is the disconnect?
2. Review Mark 1:1-28 and discuss how Mark is building a case for our belief in Christ and submission to Him.
 - a. Remind one another how Jesus was affirmed as the Son and God in chapter 1.
 - b. How did Jesus show authority over Satan and Satan’s weapons in this chapter?
 - c. How did Jesus show authority over Satan’s focus (people) in verse 16-20?
3. In verses 21-28 how did Jesus display his authority over the spirit world?
4. Think about Jesus’ authoritative teaching –
 - a. From what you learned in the sermon (or from what you’ve learned elsewhere) why was Jesus’ teaching “astonishing?”
 - b. Why do so many “Christians” struggle with submitting to Jesus’ teaching? (on giving, serving, loving, praying, etc.)
 - c. How can our group help each other be more submissive to Jesus’ teaching?
5. Think about Jesus’ authoritative judgment –
 - a. How did Jesus demonstrate that he holds authoritative judgment over his creatures in these verses?
 - b. Why do you think that there seems to have been a significant uptick in demon activity during the ministry of Jesus? 1 John 3:8
 - c. Why would we not need to fear divine judgment? Romans 8:1
 - d. Why would we need to fear divine judgement?
6. Think about Jesus’ authoritative power –
 - a. Just in verses 21-28, how did Jesus demonstrate authority over the demon world?
 - b. Read the following verses and discuss how they support the claim of Jesus’ authoritative power: Col. 1:13; Col. 2:13-15; James 2:19; Mark 1:25-26; Matt. 4:8-10; etc.
 - c. How does Jesus’ authoritative power over the spirit world (here especially rescuing this demon possessed man) give you hope that He can rescue those you love who are captive to Satan’s power?
7. How do these three areas (teaching, judgment, and power) in verses 21-28 encourage our daily submission to Jesus?