

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: March 11, 2018

Mark 1:29-34

1. Christians gather for worship and then are scattered into their communities for mission and ministry. How does worship drive you to engage your community with the gospel of Jesus?
2. Jesus cared for Simon's mother-in-law when he arrived at her home. In what ways do you find it difficult to minister to those who are closest to you (family, friends, etc.)?
3. Simon's mother-in-law began to serve Jesus and his disciples after Jesus healed her. Who are some people you have seen serve the Lord faithfully after being ministered to by a church?
4. It is possible that Jesus went to Simon's house to care for his mother-in-law, but it seems that the people who came at sundown sought Jesus out. Name a time when you have felt led to minister even when it wasn't in your plans or you didn't feel that you had the energy.
5. Sometimes we can view interruptions in our schedule as obstacles to be overcome. How might your ministry opportunities change if you viewed interruptions as opportunities to serve others instead of obstacles in your path?
6. People sometimes pit evangelism against social action or ministries of mercy. How can we be faithful to Christ and his gospel while still working to meet the physical needs of those around us?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Jeremiah 29:7. Pray for your community and talk about ways you can make it better.