

A MESSIAH WHO MEETS OUR NEEDS

Mark 1:35-45

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. JESUS IS A MESSIAH WHO TRULY CARES ABOUT OUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS
2. JESUS IS A MESSIAH WHO UNDERSTANDS AND PRIORITIZES OUR DEEPEST NEEDS
3. JESUS IS A MESSIAH WHO WAS WILLING TO DO EVERYTHING IT WOULD TAKE TO MEET OUR NEEDS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week's message was about the type of messiah that Jesus actually is. In Jesus' day, people had a lot of wrong ideas about what kind of messiah Jesus was. What are some wrong ideas about Jesus that you hear today?
3. The fact that Jesus "wills" to physically heal the leper in Mark 1:41-42 shows that Jesus cares about our immediate needs. What are some reasons that this is important for Jesus followers to know?
4. Jesus doesn't always immediately meet our earthly needs because He is a messiah who understands and prioritizes our deepest needs. What is most difficult about this truth for you to accept? Do you have any personal examples of when Jesus has allowed an immediate need to go unmet so that a deeper need could be dealt with?
5. We are all like the leper in Mark 1:40-45. Just like the leper, we have a sickness (sin) that separates us from God and others and leaves us with an identity crisis. What are some ways that sin has had this isolating, identity-wrecking impact in your life? Why won't hanging out with more people or just going to church more solve this problem for us? What's the solution?
6. Jesus often told people He had healed to stay quiet about what He had done for them. Scholars call this the "messianic secret." What does Jesus' attitude show us about His priorities as messiah? Why is it significant that Jesus "goes public" about who He is when He is at His weakest and most vulnerable (see Mark 14:61-62)?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus traded places with us and allowed himself to be cut off from God and others so that we could be brought in. He is a messiah who doesn't just meet our immediate, earthly needs and doesn't just meet our eternal needs, He meets ALL our needs.