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Mark 1:21-31

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
Following Jesus Publicly and Privately
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There's Good News for the world . . .



“The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority”

Mark 1:22

Write down something that is plaguing you:

Last week you were asked to pray about being converted so that your actions in what you have been commissioned to will be changed. How has this been going? Have you been remembering to pray? What have you noticed about changes in your actions?

READ Mark 1:21-31

Mark 1:21-28

What do you notice about how Jesus interacts with the people in the synagogue? What do you notice about how the people respond?

Mark 1:29-31

What do you notice about how Jesus interacts with the people in this story? What do you notice about how these people respond to Jesus?

The first story is a public setting and the second is a private setting. In what ways are Jesus' interactions with the people in these stories different? In what ways are they similar? Why?

What do you think the people in the synagogue were expecting that day? What expectations do you have when you come to church? In what ways do you expect to be amazed by Jesus?

When you meet Jesus in the privacy of your own prayers do you have different expectations than when you meet him in church? What expectations do you have in meeting with your small group?

In both of these stories we see evidence of Jesus' authority. What evidence is there of the authority of Jesus in your life? What competes with this authority? How is the authority of Jesus good news?

The demon possessed man came was used to hiding what plagued him when he came to the synagogue but Jesus exposed the demons for the purpose of freeing him from them. Why do you think the public display was necessary in liberating this man?

Take a moment to write down (to the left) something that plagues you. In what ways are you trying to hide this? What might happen if you truly let the authority of Jesus have power over this? Are you willing to let this be exposed so you can be freed from it?

PRAY TOGETHER!