

October 18, 2009
Mark 1:35-39

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
The Good News of a Lord Who Prays
Rev. John Sowers

There's Good News for the world . . .



Join in Communal Prayer:

Sunday Mornings
in the West Balcony Room
15 minutes
before both Worship Services

Thursday Evenings
in the West Balcony Room
after Dinner
6:45 pm

"In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."
Mark 1:35

Share some favorite experiences that have happened in the early morning.

Hold onto these images of the early morning as you read the scripture for this week.

READ Mark 1:35-39

The disciples interrupt Jesus' prayer time. List ways Jesus does not react to this interruption.

Craig Barnes says the best ministry happens in the interruptions.

Why do you think he makes this statement?

How do you usually react to interruptions? How are you or could you be intentional about creating space for interruptions to become ministry?

Share a time when you received peace from time spent with God.

On a scale of 1 to 10 how motivated have you been lately to spend time in prayer? What is motivating you to spend time in prayer? When are you spending time in prayer?

John suggested that when Jesus got up early to pray he was not only seeking quiet and solitude but also community with God.

To what extent do you approach prayer as seeking community with God? How does, or could, seeking community with God effect what you say to God or how you listen in prayer?

How strongly do you feel a sense of purpose in your life? Are you feeling adrift or restless? Are you wondering what's next? Do you have a sense that God wants something more for you but uncertain of what it is or hesitant to make changes to follow what God is calling you to? How do these feeling correlate with the time you are spending in conversation with God?

How well are you able to listen to God in prayer?

What does it look like for us to listen to God in prayer as a community?

PRAY TOGETHER!

The leadership of FPC has committed to being a community of prayer. Please join in that commitment by prayer for our church today.

Listen for what God puts on your heart as his desire for our community.

Talk about how you can join in the communal prayer opportunities listed in the column to the left. Consider other commitments your group can make to communal prayer.