

Series: JESUS IS THE SUBJECT

Title: Drop Your Net

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For those who are taking Bob's challenge to read the Gospel of Mark, what stands out to you? If you have not had the chance to watch this great orientation to the Book of Mark, you can see it here at, <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/mark/>.

1. Mark writes his gospel to Romans whose legions conquered the Mediterranean world and knew real authority. It is not surprising then that at the cross, the only person who truly understand who Jesus is, is a Roman Centurion. (See 15:39). Reading Mark 1:16-45 how do you think Romans would have reacted to someone like Jesus and his ministry?
2. In Mark 1:35 we read that Jesus got up early to pray. His pattern seems to be, PRAY FIRST-then go into the day. Finding time to be alone with the Father is a fight. What helps you find the time to pray? Where do you pray most often?
3. In Mark 1:35-38, Peter assumes Jesus wants to keep his popular ministry in that city going. Why do you think Jesus decided to leave when everything was going so well?
4. How do you decide which ministry tasks and ordinary requests to say yes to, and which to decline? How hard is it for you to say no?
5. From those verses and others, how do you think Jesus developed such a clear focus in his ministry? Why is focus so important?
6. Bryon gave us a great quote from Kyle Idelman, "Though the crowds grew, Jesus wants followers, not fans." How would you describe the differences between a fan and a follower? Fill in the blanks with as many contrasts as you can.
A fan will _____ while a follower _____.
7. Bryon mentioned that we all have to decide to drop our nets or hang on to them. How does our thinking about comfort, money, and time have to change before we drop them?
8. We all want to know as many details as possible before we say yes to an invitation that changes our lives. Mark however, characterizes discipleship and 36 times into one word, "immediately". How can we reconcile these two opposing things as Christ followers?