

Grow Group Questions

1. Have someone start your time in prayer as you invite God to speak through His word and through your conversations.
2. Read Mark 1:35-38 out loud. What stands out in this text? What questions arise?
3. Praying like Jesus is based upon the reality that God still speaks.
 - A. What are ways that God still speaks to His people today?
 - B. Why do some people feel nervous about the idea that God can speak?
 - C. How can we create more space for God to speak when we pray?
4. Jesus models early morning prayer, even though the night before was full of ministry and demands from a large crowd (Read the beginning of Mark 1 for greater context).
 - A. What obstacles are in the way for us to seek God, either in the morning or finding a regular rhythm of prayer?
 - B. Jesus found a lonely, or desolate, place to pray. Where could you go to pray to find quiet time with God?
5. There were two main sources trying to lead Jesus in this story: the voice (demands) of the crowd or the voice (direction) of the Father.
 - A. What voices in our life try to shape our days, priorities, or purpose?
 - B. How can we prioritize what God thinks over what the world around us thinks?
 - C. God desires to lead us by His voice. Stop to consider the implications and gift that it is that God wants to speak into how we order and approach our days.
6. Jesus valued time with His Father for more than just the function of daily direction. Jesus valued relationship with the Father. Sometimes we can view God like a vending machine, dispensing what we need when we ask.
 - A. How can we lean into the relational aspect of prayer?
 - B. Where else in Scripture do we see Jesus speak about prayer and connecting with God in relational terms?
7. Prayer is slow on purpose. Setting aside time to rest in God.
 - A. How would starting in slower, deliberate prayer, influence the pace of the rest of your day?
8. Finish this discussion time by praying for the various needs in your group.