

# Vision'22

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Leader Guide

## What We Value: Multiplication Matters

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**Main Passage: Mark 1:35-38**

### Theological Theme

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### Introduction

- ❓ Have you ever felt homesick? What are some of the things that you missed most when you were away from home?
- ❓ If you are going on a long trip away from family and friends, what are some things you might bring with you to help remind you of home? What are some of the technologies we use to help stay in touch?

We believe multiplying matters. When we share the whole gospel of Jesus Christ with those around us, it sets off a chain reaction of disciples making disciples anywhere, anytime, with anybody. As you invite someone to experience the risen Savior and the hope He brings, that person's life will never be the same. We value disciples making disciples, groups forming more groups, and churches multiplying into more churches. The life-changing power of the gospel is contagious, and we get to begin the process of multiplication today by sharing our stories of how Jesus changed everything.

### 1. The Fuel for Discipleship (Mark 1:35)

In this episode recorded by Mark, Jesus prayed very early in the morning. That isn't to say that He never prayed during other times, because He did. It was at night during His time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The high priestly prayer of Jesus (John 17) was uttered during the daytime.

This account in Mark, however, is different. Mark gave a glimpse into Jesus' secret prayer life. The high priestly prayer was a ministry to His disciples. The prayers in the garden were precipitated by His impending betrayal and crucifixion. The episode in Mark, though, is a picture of Jesus' regular time of prayer.

## 2. The Pace of Discipleship (Mark 1:36-39)

The events of Jesus' ministry up to this point had been rapid, coming one after the other. They also would have been emotionally and spiritually exhausting. The humanity of Jesus is evident in these words: "Jesus got up and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed." This was not a one-time event. Throughout the Gospels we see Jesus setting aside time to engage in daily personal worship.

## 3. The Fruit of Discipleship (Acts 2:42-47)

Jesus gave examples of personal worship, by going alone to spend time with the Father, and also of corporate worship, by going to the temple on the Sabbath (Luke 2:46-49; 4:16). In Acts, we find the believers coming together regularly for worship. The early church's desire to know the Word of God and to grow together made gathering for worship a priority in their lives.

## Questions to Guide Your Group's Discussion

- ❓ What does this passage say?
  
- ❓ What did this passage mean to its original audience?
  
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about God?
  
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about man?
  
- ❓ What does this passage demand of me?
  
- ❓ How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (*How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?*)
  
- ❓ How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?