On Your Mark A Day in the Life...

Lesson 2: Mark 1:21-45

Jesus' popularity is about to take off. His authoritative teaching, healings, and driving out of demons is causing more and more to come to Him. His increased fame is leading him to desolate places for the purpose of prayer. Lots to be learned by looking at this calendar day in Jesus' ministry—His divine authority, compassion, emotional reactions, and spiritual practices of solitude and prayer.

Please listen to Episode 2 of "On Your Mark."

Read together MARK 1:21-45

Share this song with your group (prior or after your meeting): <u>Leper Song (Lyric Video) (youtube.com)</u>

Discussion Questions (pick 1-2 to spend more time with):

- 1. How is it possible to have the right theology (like the demons) about Jesus and still be far from Him (James 2:19)? What makes our faith different?
- 2. How does the touch of Jesus lead us to serve others? How have you seen this in your own experiences?
- 3. The reaction of the crowd who came to Jesus for healing(s) was to receive His gifts, but not to hear or listen to Him? Have people changed? How do you guard against that tendency in your life?
- 4. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to spend time alone in prayer? How has this blessed you in your life? What are the biggest obstacles you face in spending time alone with The Father?
- 5. What motivated Jesus to heal the leper? What did the leper believe about Jesus? Who in your world needs to hear this story of a God who touches our uncleanness?