

Session 2: Mark 1:14–45

SESSION GOALS

Every session has a point—what each participant should walk away from the discussion knowing, feeling, and doing.

Main Idea: As disciples who follow Jesus Christ, we are called to surrender every aspect of our lives completely to him.

Head Change: To understand that true discipleship requires a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Heart Change: To feel motivated toward obedience by his love, not our guilt.

Life Change: To surrender every aspect of our lives to the Holy Spirit's transforming work.

OPEN

When have you ever felt God calling you to something drastically new? Perhaps a job, a move, a relationship shift. How did you react?

This session looks at the rest of Mark chapter 1, where Jesus begins his miraculous healing ministry. Francis Chan will continue his teaching through what these verses mean, and how followers of Jesus can apply them today.

READ

Read Mark 1:14–45.

WATCH

Before viewing the session, here are a few important things to look for in Francis's teaching. As you watch, pay attention to how he answers the following questions:

What does Jesus focus on as he begins his preaching ministry?

What was unique about Jesus's invitation to the disciples to follow him?

How did the city respond to Jesus's miraculous healings? How should we?

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DISCUSS

In the last session, Francis showed us how the first thirteen verses give a pretty profound picture of Jesus's right to call people to follow him. And that's what Francis is excited about in this session—not only does Jesus have the right to call us, he *does* call us.

How did you feel after watching this session?

Read Mark 1:14–20.

Mark doesn't leave us wondering about the uniqueness of this Jesus. He makes sure we realize that this is *the* biggest moment in history. And he does it with one word: *kairos*, or "time" (in Mark 1:15). The word signifies an important, momentous moment rather than a specific time of day.

[Note: For further study on Mark's use of kairos, see Go Deeper Section 1 at the end of the session.]

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So what does this mean for us? How do we live differently in light of Jesus’s authority?

Think of one person who grates on you—the last person in the world you’d want Jesus to offer the kingdom to. Why do you feel that way? What would have to change in your attitude in order to treat that person the way Jesus demonstrates in our passage this week?

Re-read Mark 1:35–45.

In the midst of healing many, Jesus gets up early and goes out to pray while it’s still dark. **Why is this important? What implications does Jesus’s actions have for us?**

What do the disciples say when they find Jesus?

How does Jesus respond? Are you surprised by his response? Why or why not?

[Note: For further study on the disciples’ search for Jesus, see Go Deeper Section 3 at the end of the session.]

In the video session, Francis concluded by saying he hopes that when we encounter Jesus, our response will be, “I’ll do anything to follow this man.”

Two thousand years after calling his first disciples, Jesus still calls us to follow him. **How are you responding to him now? In what ways does your life, your priorities, your attitudes reflect his call on your life?**

LAST WORD

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GO DEEPER

1. Peek at the Greek: kairos

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