

Mark 1 - 2  
“How To Do Ministry”

~ INTRO. ~

THE GOSPEL OF MARK...

- Is written to Gentile slaves across the Roman empire.
  - Everyday people that worked for a living.

MARK NARRATES THE THINGS JESUS DID...

- As opposed to what Jesus said.

MARK'S NAME MEANS...

- *God is gracious.*
  - And he emphasizes the graciousness...
    - Of Jesus' ministry.

ABOUT 70% OF JESUS' MINISTRY...

- Was done around the northern part of the Sea of Galilee.
  - In fact, His home base of ministry was in Capernaum.
    - But... He visited towns around the region of Galilee.

~ STUDY ~

THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S STUDY...

- Will be on **Observing** what Jesus did.
  - So we can learn how did He do ministry.
- We will see several **Applications**...
  - To help us recognize the variety within ministry.

**10-OBSERVATIONS:**

1) Ministry deals with *spiritual issues*

- (Mark 1:21-27)
  - Not everyone is demon possessed.
    - But many deal with mental health issues...
      - That originate from sin OR sinful conditions.

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- Top five mental health issues...

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1. Anxiety (panic attacks OR social anxiety)
2. Depression
3. OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder)
4. PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder)
5. Self-harm

2) Ministry is *helping the sick*

- (Mark 1:29-34)
  - The height of compassion is to visit someone in sickness.
    - (Matt 25:35-40) NLT
- This is a ministry of presence...
  - To offer a prayer & practical support.

3) Ministry is *waiting on the Lord in prayer*

- (Mark 1:35-36)
  - The Bible teaches us to draw strength from God.
    - A spiritual discipline in ministry is prayer.
      - (Isa. 40:29-31) NKJV

4) Ministry is *preaching & teaching the word*

- (Mark 1:38-39)
  - (Matt 4:23) NKJV
    - Preaching targets the **emotions**
      - Teaching targets the **mind**

5) Ministry is *showing compassion*

- (Mark 1:40-42)
  - Compassion is **rooted in action** to help others in need.
    - It's an overflow of our faith.

(James 2:15-26) NLT

- a. Faith engages needs
- b. Faith is expressed in outward actions
- c. Faith is NOT invisible, but prominent in your life
- d. Faith flows from the heart

6) Ministry is *taking steps of faith*

- (Mark 2:1-5)
  - We do this by carrying the needs of others...
    - To Jesus in prayer.

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7) Ministry is *making disciples*

- (Mark 2:13-14)
  - Jesus left this mission to every person in the church.
  - (Matt 28:18-20) NLT

8) Ministry involves *fellowship*

- (Mark 2:15)
  - Think about the early church (Acts 2:42) NLT

9) Ministry *deals with criticism*

- (Mark 2:16-17)
  - Jesus spoke to the ignorance of religion...
  - And showed how to value time with a sinner.

We're encouraged to meet others who are not saved...

- We're NOT encouraged to accompany sinners in sin (Ps. 1:1) NKJV

10) Ministry *focuses on grace over law*

- (Mark 2:23-28)
  - Man made religion misses the intent of God.
  - Jesus placed people's needs first.

~ IN CLOSING ~

MAY I ENCOURAGE YOU...

- To simply follow the examples Jesus gave us.
  - Amen!