

# Message Notes

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**Bible Focus:** Mark 1:35-39

**Message Title:** Three Questions to Ask Yourself This Summer

**Mark 1:35-39** - Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.<sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him,<sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."<sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

## Three questions:

1. Lord, what do you want me to \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Lord, what do you want me to \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Lord, what do you want me to \_\_\_\_\_?

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Mark 1:35-39

1. What's your year been like since last summer? If you were to summarize it in five words, what would they be?
2. Do you identify with Jesus' in-demand schedule? Do you see the busyness of His life as a good thing?
3. What can you learn from the way Jesus made time for solitude and prayer before sunrise? Does that sound like something you could do? At any hour of the day?
4. Finish this sentence: If Jesus made prayer and solitude a priority in His life, I ...
5. What does Jesus' "stop, start, and keep doing" response tell you about the intentionality with which Jesus lived His life?
6. Of course that intentionality came from His heavenly Father, which Jesus had a firm grasp on. What actions can you take to ensure the same in your life?
7. It would be best if you set aside some time in solitude and prayer to consider the following three questions. But if you were to answer these questions right now, what would your answers be?
  - A. Lord, what do you want me to STOP doing?
  - B. Lord, what do you want me to KEEP doing?
  - C. Lord, what do you want me to START doing?
8. How can this message help you have a great summer? And a great year beginning next September?