

# SERMON NOTES



## The Power of a Fresh Start

*I Meet New People!*

*January 28, 2024*

*Mark 1:29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. 31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.*

*32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door, 34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.*

*35 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. 36 Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"*

*38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." 39 So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.*

**KEY TRUTH: Gospel work is all about \_\_\_\_\_!**

**1. Living our \_\_\_\_\_ means interacting with \_\_\_\_\_!**

a. List all the people with whom Jesus interacted in these 10 verses:

b. Think of a typical week. List all the people with whom you interact.

## 2. Interacting with people means an investment in \_\_\_\_\_!

### a. People who need \_\_\_\_\_

- *Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*
- *2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

### b. People who need \_\_\_\_\_

- *Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*
- *Philippians 2:4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

### c. People who need \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Care

- *1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*
- *Galatians 6:1-2 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

### d. People who need \_\_\_\_\_ answered

- *1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

## 3. When we invest in people, we need time to \_\_\_\_\_!

- *Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

- *Psalm 23: 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.*

#### **4. When we live out our purpose, it's bigger than any one \_\_\_\_\_!**

- *Matthew 10:14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town.*
- *Acts 16:9-10 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

*Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

*Some questions to journal on:*

- *Reflect on the people with whom you interact regularly. How might God be arranging that relationship for a conversation about the Gospel?*
- *Investing in people means recharging spiritually. How am I doing recharging regularly with time in the Word and prayer? What can I do differently to ensure my soul and body rest?*

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

## **MY PERSONAL NOTES**

### **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**