

Prayer saturated every area of Jesus' life. His ministry began with prayer and ended with prayer. It is said of Jesus:

“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”  
(Luke 5:16, NIV)

Prayer is one of the foundational practices of the Christian life. Jesus invites us into this journey of prayer so that we can know the heart of the Father.



### **Mark Overview:**

Of the four gospel accounts it is highly likely that Mark was the first gospel written. It was written in basic Greek and is a record of Jesus' ministry in Galilee with the exception of his crucifixion and resurrection.

### **Author and Date:**

John mark in collaboration with Peter around 50-60 A.D.

### **First readers and their location:**

There is no indication of who were the intended recipients of Mark's gospel. Most evidence point to Rome as the point of origin of the letter. Mark was most likely written as an early account of the life of Christ.

### **Open-up**

Ownership of anything, always requires that we give attention to what we own. In your life, what is one project you engaged in where you had to restore something so that it could be used as originally intended? Share a brief story of what that was and the outcome of the restoration.

### **Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”**

**Read: Mark 9:14-29**

**What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)**

This event is also recorded in: Matthew 17:14-9, Luke 9:37-45

After a mountain top experience with Peter and John what scene does Jesus come down to?

After Jesus learns the situation, how does he respond to the disciples? The crowd? The Father? The boy?

Why was Jesus able to heal the boy when the disciples could not? See John 5:19 and John 10:38

 **Into my life**—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

In the message on Sunday the point was made, “Jesus is interested in the holistic healing of human beings.” What do you think this looks like in a persons life?

Why do you think Jesus pointed to prayer as the key to the boys healing? Consider this in light of Luke 5:16, “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

Have you ever had an experience of deliverance/healing? What happened? How did you see God use it to point people to Jesus?

What is one next step you need to take in growing in prayer?

 **Into the World**—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

What is one thing you would like healing for in your life (physical, emotional, relational, spiritual)? As a group pray for each other in this