Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, lesus Christ. We hope that your stay has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!



Ladies, join us for an inspiring Women's Event on March 28. 2025! Don't miss this opportunity to connect, recharge, and celebrate the unique bond we share as women of faith.



Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Holy Week Retreat**! This year, we are offering the same retreat on two different schedules (April 14-16 and April 17-19) so you can choose the one that fits your schedule. Register early as there are limited slots!

How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your **prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for deeper connections and a closer walk with God? Our **small groups** are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

Stay for **fellowship** and **refreshments**.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

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LIVING WITH JESUS' PRIORITIES

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series) Pastor Nic Sy | February 23, 2025 | Mark 1:29-39



SERMON NOTES

Jesus didn't live in reaction mode; he lived with intention.

I. SERVING OTHERS (Mark 1:29-34)

Service wasn't something Jesus fit into his life—it was his life.

Two aspects of lesus' service:

- 1. Service is personal.
- 2. Service that multiplies.

Reflect: How can you serve today so that others can serve tomorrow?

II. SEEKING THE FATHER (Mark 1:35)

lesus' time in prayer wasn't an afterthought; it was a priority.

Two aspects of Jesus' prayer life:

1. The priority of prayer.

Reflect: Will you carve out time to seek the Father—not just when you need something, but because you need him?

2. The privacy of prayer.

If we don't create space for prayer, distractions will take that space.

Where is your quiet place? Have you built habits that remove distractions?

III. STAYING ON MISSION (Mark 1:36-39)

Two aspects of lesus' commitment:

- 1. Clarity of purpose.
- 2. Clarity leads to consistency.

Reflect: Are we living each day with a clear sense of God's purpose? Or are we drifting, reacting to life as it comes?



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE For the week of February 24-March 2, 2025 "LIVING WITH JESUS' PRIORITIES"

Getting Started

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you had an entire day with no responsibilities, how would you spend it?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:29-39

- 1. Mark tells us Jesus went "immediately" from the synagogue to Simon and Andrew's house. What does this suggest about the pace of Jesus' ministry? Why do you think Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law privately, but then served the crowds publicly? What does this tell us about him?
- 2. Where do you feel most comfortable to serve in quiet, behind-the-scenes ways or in more visible ways? Why? What are the dangers that one has to watch out for when serving in either of these ways (i.e. behind-the-scenes vs limelight)?
- 3. Simon's mother-in-law was healed and immediately began serving (Mark 1:31). What possible excuses could she have given not to serve? How has God worked in your life, and how is God using you to serve today? Do you find joy in serving?
- 4. Read Matthew 6:6. What does Jesus teach about prayer, and how do we see him live this out in Mark 1:35? How does this practice of Jesus relate to our own need for solitude and prayer?

5. Jesus said "no" to the crowds so that he could stay focused on his mission. If you are honest, would you say that you are living God's purpose in your life? Why or why not?

6. Are there areas in your life where you need to say "no" to, in order to live out these three priorities of service, prayer and mission? What are some of those "distractions"? How can you refocus?

7. Mark in this passage shows us a day in the life of Jesus. What do you learn about Jesus' rhythm of life in this passage? Why wasn't he rushed or stressed? Why was he so motivated?

Next Steps

Jesus didn't live in reaction mode; he lived with intention.

- I will serve God the best way that I can.
- I will prioritize prayer and communion with God.
- I will refocus on God's mission for my life
- I will embrace balance and live out these three priorities (service, prayer and mission) in my life.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for willingness to serve, the discipline to pray, and the courage to stay faithful to God's purpose for your life.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

February 24
February 25
February 26
February 27
February 28
March 1
March 2

Mark 1:29-34
Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 18:1-8
Esther 4:12-17
Jonah 1:1-6
Psalms 46:1-11
Matthew 9:20-22