

Matt 4:12-25; Mk 1:21-2:12; Lk 4:14-5:11 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Luke 5:1-11 what was Jesus doing (v1-3) and what other purpose did He have (v3, 10)? What miracle did He perform (v4-7) and how did it fulfill His purpose (v8-11)?

5. Look back on Simon's 2 prior encounters with Jesus (Jn 1:35-42, Matt 4:18-22). What had he apparently done and what does Luke 5:1-11 reveal about Jesus' process of calling

6. Read Mark 1:21-28. What 2 things did Jesus do next (v21, 23-26) and where (v21)? Why were the people amazed (v22, 27) and what was the result (v28)?

7. Using Mk 1:29-34 how did Jesus demonstrate His divine power (29-31, 32-34)? Comparing this to Matt 4:23-25 what was the outcome of these miracles (v25)?

8. Based Mk 1:35-39 what was another source of Jesus' power (v35)? What "pressures" did He have to overcome to do this (v36-37, 38-39)? What does this show?

9. In Mk 1:40-45 what did Jesus' do for the leper (v40-42) and what was His main concern (v43)? What did He command (v44), what happened (v45), and what was the result (v45)?

10. From Mk 2:1-12 what did Jesus do for the paralytic (v1-5, 11-12)? Which was harder (v9)? How was he able to be healed (v4-5) and why did Jesus heal him (v10)? What was the twofold response (v6-7, 12)?

11. As you look at the beginning of this phase of Jesus' ministry, what are some of the purposes to which He is committed? What is the source of His power for their fulfillment?

Scripture to Remember

“And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there.”

Mark 1:35 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Can God Really Use Me? (Exodus 4)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group about a time that stands out to you when God “pulled you out of the water” when you were about to drown.
2. Read Ex 4:1-9. What do you think Moses was struggling with? Why did God give him signs? How can you relate to him in both his struggle and in God's answer?
3. Talk about where God began with Moses (his staff) - why did He do that? Personally share some things that are “in your hand” that God could use.
4. Why must we “let go” of that which is in our hand for God to use it? What would that look like for you?
5. Discuss why the most important aspect of being used is not what we are going to do, but who we are if God has changed us. How do we get in the process of change?
6. Why is it necessary to rely on “the blood” to be able to effectively help others live the life Jesus has for them? What is the “power in the blood” and how do we apply this to our lives?
7. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message today.



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The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

I’ve Got the Power

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In 1990 the electronic rap/pop band, Snap, released “The Power”, a song that had the famous “hook” in it, “I’ve Got the Power”. The music and the concept of personal power captured the attention of many as the song stayed at #1 on the charts for two weeks. In this week’s study of the life of Jesus He really began to exhibit His powerful influence, teaching, and miracles. At this point in Jesus’ life His ministry had moved into its second year, and as a result of His power so many were drawn to Him that He had to withdraw from the towns to do His work. His power is first seen by His influence over His first disciples. As He walked by the Sea of Galilee one day He saw Peter and Andrew casting their nets and told them to follow Him so He could make them fishers of

men. In obedience they immediately left their nets. He then saw James and John fishing and called them, too; they responded just as the first two. This showed Jesus’ powerful influence. The next recorded event in His story was His teaching at Nazareth. Using the messianic message of Isaiah 61 He gave an outline of His ministry, one which would help those who were in need. He then declared that He had fulfilled that Messianic prophecy and predicted His rejection. His teaching was so powerful that they tried to kill Him, although He eluded them. After this He continued to powerfully teach and influence His followers. He boarded Peter’s boat so He could teach the crowds, but then orchestrated a miraculous catch of fish. This sealed Peter’s commitment to Him as he permanently left his



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

boat to follow Jesus. Jesus then began to perform powerful signs. He healed Simon’s mother-in-law of a high fever, freed the demon possessed, healed various diseases, cleansed lepers physically and spiritually, and restored a paralytic because of his friends’ and his faith. In all of this Jesus’ power came from above; He is seen leaving while it was night to pray alone. He also refused to let acclaim be His motivation. The power He showed was available to all who rely on His Father. Anyone who does is able to say, “I’ve got the power”.

Study Questions for Matt 4:12-17; Mk 1:21-2:52; Lk 4:14-5:11

(for answers go to <http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions>)

<p>1. Read Matt 4:12-17. What event led Jesus to the next phase of His ministry (v12) and where was His base (v12-13)? Why was this location significant (v14-16)? Explain His message (v17).</p>	
<p>2. From Luke 4:14-30 what were the elements of Jesus’ first message (v16-19) and what did He declare (v20-21, 23-27)? How was this received at first (v22) and at the end (v28-30)? Why?</p>	
<p>3. Using Matt 4:18-22 who did Jesus “officially” call as disciples and what were they like (v18, 21)? What did Jesus promise (v19) and how did they respond (v20, 22)?</p>	

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