



# Discussion Questions

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## KEY TAKEAWAY

When the King shows up, everything changes.

## ACTION STEP

Take one tangible next step on the Flight Path: Gather, Connect, Know, Grow, or Go.

## ICEBREAKER

- If you were the sheriff of your town for one day and could make one new rule everyone had to follow, what would it be?

## WHEN JESUS SHOWS UP, DARKNESS RETREATS. *READ MARK 1:21–28.*

- What stands out to you about the way the unclean spirit responds to Jesus? What does the demon seem to understand about Jesus that the people around Him do not yet understand?
- Jesus, instead of performing a ritual, negotiating, or struggling with the demon. He simply speaks, and the demon obeys. What does this reveal about Jesus' authority over the spiritual realm?
- Why do you think Christians can fall into one of two extremes when it comes to spiritual warfare and either ignore the spiritual realm altogether or becoming overly fascinated or fearful of it? What would a biblically balanced approach look like?



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## **WHEN JESUS SHOWS UP, BROKENNESS IS RESTORED. READ MARK 1:29–45.**

- Mark shows Jesus encountering several different kinds of brokenness in this passage. What do these stories reveal about what Jesus cares about and the kind of King He is?
- Read Mark 1:40–42 again. The leper says, “If you will, you can make me clean.” What do you notice about both his confidence in Jesus’ ability and his uncertainty about Jesus’ willingness? Where do you see that same tension in the way we pray today?
- Jesus’ healings give us a glimpse of His Kingdom, but Christians still experience sickness, suffering, and death today. How do we hold onto confidence in Jesus’ power while trusting Him when He does not remove the brokenness we are asking Him to remove?

## **DIGGING DEEPER: SURRENDERED TO THE KING**

If Jesus truly has authority over darkness, brokenness, and sin, then the proper response is surrender. Biblical worship is offering our whole lives to God and recognizing that there is no part of us outside of His authority. That is so much more than reducing “worship” to just singing. *Read Romans 12:1–2.*

- Paul describes offering our bodies to God as an act of worship. How does this expand the way you normally think about worship? What does a “living sacrifice” look like in everyday life?
- It can be easier to surrender certain parts of our lives to Jesus while keeping control of others. What areas are often hardest for people to surrender? Money, relationships, sexuality, future plans, reputation, children, comfort, forgiveness, something else? Why?
- What is one area of your life where Jesus may currently be asking you to loosen your grip and surrender more fully to His authority? What would surrender actually look like in that area this week?