

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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When people are around you, do they find Jesus? They will, if we serve them as he both commands and empowers us to do. This week, we find Jesus leaving the synagogue where he had just taught as one who had authority, and had delivered a man from evil; his disciples follow him to Peter's home. The people who had been in the synagogue or had heard what had happened followed the disciples, because they knew the disciples were with Jesus. So. When people are around you, disciple, do they find Jesus?

1. Who is the most famous person you've ever met in person? Recall what that experience was like. How did your feelings about that person change after you were with them in person? How did you describe the experience to others?
2. Read Mark 1:29-34. The fever "left" Peter's mother-in-law. What, in your life right now, do you wish would "leave" you? When you pray about your situation, imagine Jesus walking into the room you're in, taking you by the hand, and helping you up.
3. Look up, in a concordance, the word "serve," and note at least three passages that describe what we are called to do in the lives of others, and/or how we are called to do it, just as Peter's mother-in-law did once Jesus had healed her.
4. Read Isaiah chapter 53 and discover the references the prophet made as to the actions the Messiah would take with regards to our "dis-eases" and "disorders."
5. Read Acts chapter 3. What do you imagine Peter was remembering when he and John invited that disabled man to stand up? Discover in the chapter the how and why of the disciples were in trouble because of their faithful discipleship, and ask yourself. . . when was the last time I stirred up opposition because I was faithful to God's Word? If you can't remember any opposition, find a way to make some.