**JESUS’ AUTHORITY AND COMPASSION**

Mark 1:21-45

Key Verse: 1:41 “Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be clean!’”

1. Why were the people amazed at Jesus’ teaching? (21,22) What happened while Jesus was teaching? (23-28) What does this event show about the authority of Jesus’ word? (27; Hebrews 4:12)

2. Describe Jesus’ healing work in Peter’s house (29-34). What do these events reveal about Jesus’ healing power and shepherd’s heart?

3. Why did Jesus pray in a solitary place early in the morning? (35) What does this show about his priorities and purpose? (38)

4. Think about the situation of the man with leprosy? (40) Why did he beg Jesus, “If you are willing?” (41) Why did Jesus touch him to heal?