

LifeGroup Study SheetApril 16th, 2023 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 13)

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Pastor Jeff and several guys talked about their mission's trip to Nepal. They spoke about several things that God taught them while they were there. Talk about whether you've been on a mission's trip before. Have you ever thought about going on one before? Talk about how God has called you to be on mission where you are currently!

Digging In

Question 1: Read Mark 3:7-12. Pastor Jeff talked about the “popularity of Jesus” in this passage. People were coming from all over to see the healings and exorcisms that He was performing. They wanted to see His miracles. Jesus said in the beginning of Mark that his main purpose was to “teach the Gospel.” (**Mark 1:14-15**). Is it possible for people to follow Jesus for the wrong reasons? Why do you think Jesus was more concerned about teaching than He was about performing miracles and healings? How does this even apply to your own personal following of Jesus?

Question 2: Read 3:7-12. Pastor Jeff talked about the “power of Jesus” in this passage. Verses 10-11 talk about people having diseases and unclean spirits. Those unclean spirits were able to recognize who Jesus was and proclaim that He was the Son of God! **Mark 1:23-28** shares about Jesus cleansing a man with an unclean spirit – and that spirit recognizes Jesus' power and the ability to destroy him! Why do you think the Gospels are littered with stories of Jesus using His power in this way? How do you attribute the power Jesus has in your own life?

Question 3: Read Mark 3:7-12. Pastor Jeff talked about the “purpose of Jesus” in this passage. Jesus used miracles and healings as a tool for people to listen to Him – and then took the opportunity to preach the message of salvation! How is God gifting you with gifts, talents, and opportunities to give people the message of the Gospel? In what areas of your life are you taking advantage of using the places God has put you?

Taking it Home

Reflect on how Jesus is calling you to speak His name where you are:

- Is this in your job? How can you create conversations with people at work?
- Is this in your family? How are creating conversations about Jesus in your home?
- Is this in your neighborhood or school?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?