



Week #13 of The Gospel of Mark

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### Coming Together

- Where do you feel more energized? In a crowd? Or in a small group of people? Why do you think this is?
- Take a few quiet seconds and write down the top three character qualities you seek in a friend. After everyone has finished with their list, share it. Have someone take notes of the unique qualities that are listed.

### Growing in Our Understanding

1. Looking back on your sermon notes from this week, is there anything that you heard for the first time that caught your attention or caused confusion?
2. Read Mark 3:7-10. What was the reason such large crowds were coming to Jesus?
3. Was Jesus popular with everyone? Why do you think some had such an issue with Jesus showing compassion to the hurting (see Mark 3:11-12)
4. Read Mark 3:13-19. What does Jesus expect of His followers after calling them to follow Him?

### Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. What does it mean to be compassionate towards others? How do these verses help us understand God's priority for the quality of compassion? (see Mark 6:34; Col 3:12; Eph 4:32)
2. How do you think the average person in the church would define a disciple?
3. How does Mark 3:7-19 help fill in some of the gaps in our understanding of a disciple? (see also Acts 4:13)
4. How would you describe the list of apostles that Jesus chose? What can we learn from Jesus' example of who He chose to follow him?

### Deepening Our Hearts for God

1. Read Psalm 145:8-9. What area of your life, physical, emotional, or spiritual, would you like God to touch most?
2. Who is God challenging you to be compassionate towards? How can the group pray about this opportunity?

### Looking Ahead

Read Mark 3:20-35. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out. What does Jesus say or do that stands out the most in these verses?

