

Central Church of Christ

Sunday PM Growth Group: 10/09/2022

Mark 3:7-19

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea

8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. 9 And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, 10 for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. 11

And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." 12 And he strictly ordered them not to make him known. 13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.

14 And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach 15 and have authority to cast out demons. 16 He

appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); 18 Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Class #4 -Mark 3:7-4:34- True disciples have a heart condition that is committed to God's kingdom rather than the applause of people.

When you first came to know Christ and followed him, what did you imagine he would ask of you? What sort of sacrifices or adventures? What strange lands or people did you expect to be asked to serve for God? How did you react to those ideas?

What sort of followers were the primary focus of Jesus's ministry? What did Jesus require of those who wanted to follow him? What kind of "crop" will true disciples produce?

What sets the disciples apart from the crowds following Jesus?

If you were to pursue true discipleship, what would you stand to lose? Are you okay with that?

If you were to look at your life honestly, which group would you belong to? What's one thing this week you can begin to surrender to Jesus in order to better embrace the call of discipleship?

Read Mark 3:7-35. Mark is playing with two main themes, but he splits them up across four sections of text (which are easier to see in a print Bible than digital). Those four are Mark 3:7-12, 13-21, 22-30, and 31-35. What similarities do you notice between 3:7-12 and 22-30, as well as between 3:13-21 and 31-35? Note especially the main characters in each vignette apart from Jesus.

Reflect on a situation in which life did not meet up with your expectations. How did you reconcile those events with your faith?