

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Full Spectrum Discipleship #3

Watch the video summary of the **February 15, 2015 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Togetherness of Discipleship." Please read the sermon passage (Mark 3:7-19) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

JESUS' PLAN TO MULTIPLY DISCIPLES INCLUDES . . .

1. **Overcoming challenges together** (7-12)
 - a. Overcome the expectations of the crowd
 - i. The crowd wants Christ's benefits (healings, visible kingdom, etc.) right now.
 - ii. The crowd comes for what Jesus can do, not for who Jesus is.
 - b. Overcome the challenge of unclean spirits
 - i. Unclean spirits identify Christ correctly
 - ii. They come in fear and opposition, not in submissive commitment.
2. **On the job training** (13-15)
 - a. Stay with Jesus (love to GATHER around Jesus)
 - b. Preach the good news (love to SCATTER for Jesus' sake)
 - c. Stand confidently (love to stand in the authority of Jesus Christ)
3. **Disciples sent out to make disciples** (16-19)

ENCOURAGEMENT for full-spectrum disciple-making:

- Don't lose your focus on following Jesus together when the crowds come with expectations.
- Note the ORDER: loved (wanted) by Jesus, called to be with Jesus, equipped/instructed to preach Jesus.
- There's a balance! Learn to love the *gathering* as much as you love the *scattering* (and vice versa).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: All around us the crowd (people who are not believers) come to Jesus expecting immediate physical benefits from Jesus. They come to him for what they think they will get from him, rather than for who he is. How can we challenge their expectations? What benefit should they seek when they come to Jesus?
2. Based on #1, above: The crowds wanted to be (physically) healed, but did not know that Jesus is the Son of God. The unclean spirits knew that Jesus is the Son of God, but would not be healed (forgiven, reborn). Why have you come to, and why have you stayed with Jesus? (It should be because he is the only Son of God (identity), and because you have received healing (new life! forgiveness of sins!!) from him.)
3. Based on #2, above: Jesus knows you, Jesus desires you and Jesus has called you to remain with him. The first and biggest part of discipleship is being with Jesus. How do we remain with Jesus today?
4. Based on #2, above: It seems there is an order here: the disciple is known, desired and called to remain with Jesus BEFORE he or she is sent out to preach (v. 14). Discuss how remaining with Jesus empowers our "preaching," and how "preaching" Jesus without first remaining close to him is powerless.
5. Based on #3, above: The disciples learned of Jesus while they were gathered to him, and preached Christ when they were scattered from him. Even now we should balance the gathering with the scattering. How does this work out in your life?