

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

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Text: Mark 3:7-19

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In Mark 3:7-19, Jesus is being followed by a crowd so great and stirred up that Jesus had the disciples prepare a boat for them to escape. We are told that unclean spirits in the chaos declared his true identity. From a mountaintop refuge, Jesus called his 12 disciples.

Main Point: Give yourself to God's ideas

Questions:

1. Why should we make personal communion with God our top priority? What is the purpose of our prayer to and communion with God? Reference Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12-13, Matthew 26:41-42, and Matthew 6:9-10.
2. Ted posited that God's voice is rarely the loudest vying for our attention. Reference 1 Kings 19:11-13 and 1 Samuel 3:1-11. Why is this important for us to know? What are the loud voices we often hear and are tempted to prioritize?
3. Jesus chose 12 apostles who don't make logical sense to us. A few examples are a tax collector for the occupying force, a questionable revolutionary, and even the one who would betray him. We might look at these choices practically and say they were not "good ideas." Why is this "God idea" good news for us? Why is it a "God idea" that the Church is made up of a diverse group of people? Reference John 13:34-35 and Ephesians 3:10.
4. What does it mean to be focused on "God ideas?" Reference Proverbs 3:5-7 and Jeremiah 17:9. What is the danger for us in our "good ideas?" Reference Mark 8:31-33 and 1 Samuel 13:8-14. How do we align ourselves with God's ideas?
5. What "good idea" started all the problems of the world (Genesis 3:6)? What is the "God idea" that may have seemed like a bad idea that has set us free? Reference Matthew 16:24-26 and John 3:35-36. Is our submission to Christ a good idea?