



## WEEK 3: WEEK OF MARCH 8

The closer people got to Jesus, the more their life was changed. Every encounter Jesus had with people impacted them. We are going to look at a series of encounters Jesus had through the gospel of Mark...and how they made a difference.

1. What was one of your least favorite rules growing up? Why?
2. Talk about one of your favorite bosses, coaches, or teachers. What made it easy for you to follow that person?
3. Did you grow up in a church that emphasized doing what the Bible says over following Jesus? Or if you didn't grow up going to church, did you assume that's what Christianity was all about? How has this mindset affected your spiritual journey so far?
4. Read Mark 2:23-3:6. What is it about Jesus that separates him from other religious leaders of his time?
5. In the message Eric said, "You can follow Jesus or you can be religious. But you can't do both." How do you see the tension between these views in the passage you just read? Do you agree with this or disagree with this? Why?
6. How is the idea that Jesus wants people to follow Him regardless of what they believe or how they behave comforting? How is it challenging?
7. This week we said "Jesus = The end of religion" and that the end of the religion means:  
PRIDE IS REPLACED WITH SURRENDER  
TRADITION IS REPLACED WITH MISSION  
HAVE TO IS REPLACED WITH GET TO  
ACHIEVE IS REPLACED WITH RECEIVE  
ME FIRST IS REPLACED WITH PEOPLE FIRST  
Which of these statements currently connects with you the most? Why?
8. What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?

### NEXT STEPS:

- If you have not taken the step of baptism, you will have an opportunity on March 29<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up here: <https://movementfindlay.com/baptism>
- Continue to engage in the Encounter Daily Journey. How can you support each other on this journey?
- You can go further into understanding the Gospel of Mark using this resource: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/mark/>