



BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

JESUS ON THE MOVE

Mark 1:40-45 and Mark 2:1-17

The compassion and authority of Jesus

Name: _____ Date: _____

OVERVIEW

Jesus meets people with compassion, cleanses the unclean, forgives sin, and calls sinners to follow Him. As we study, consider your need for His grace and how you can help others come to Him.

SERMON OUTLINE

Opening Jesus announces the kingdom and calls for repentance and faith (Mark 1:10-15).

Mark 1:40-45 Jesus has compassion on a man with leprosy and makes him clean.

Mark 2:1-12 Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic, revealing His authority.

Mark 2:13-17 Jesus calls Levi and shares a meal with people who need His grace.

Memory verse: Mark 10:45. Jesus came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

GRACE AFTER FAILURE

John Mark left a missionary journey, and Paul later opposed taking him again. Yet Paul eventually described Mark as useful for ministry. His story reminds us that failure need not be the end of our service to the Lord.

Cross references: Acts 13:13; Acts 15:36-40; 2 Timothy 4:11.

1. Read Mark 1:14-15. What response does Jesus call for, and how does that move us beyond simply admiring His miracles?

2. How does John Mark's restoration encourage you after failure? Who might need that same encouragement from you?

JESUS MAKES THE UNCLEAN CLEAN *Mark 1:40-45*

Verse 40 The man approaches Jesus humbly, trusting His ability to cleanse him and appealing to His willingness.

Verses 41-42 Jesus reaches out and touches him. The man is immediately cleansed.

Verses 43-45 Jesus gives clear instructions. The man spreads the news instead, and Jesus can no longer enter towns openly.

The man's cleansing gives us a picture of our need to be cleansed from sin. Jesus invites us to come honestly to Him, and His compassion teaches us how to respond to people others avoid.

Cross references: Psalm 51:2; Hebrews 4:15-16; Leviticus 14:1-20.

3. What does the man's request reveal about faith in Jesus' power and submission to His will? Where do you need to trust Him?

4. What do Jesus' response and touch show about His heart? How does Hebrews 4:15-16 encourage you to approach Him?

5. Read Psalm 51:2. What does asking God to cleanse us require us to admit? Is there something you need to confess to Him?

6. Why does excitement about Jesus need to be joined with obedience? What instruction from His Word do you need to follow?

SERMON NOTES

JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS *Mark 2:1-12*

Verses 1-4 Jesus preaches the word in a crowded house. Four men open the roof and lower their friend to Him.

Verses 5-7 Seeing their faith, Jesus declares the man's sins forgiven. The scribes question this because only God can forgive sins.

Verses 8-12 Jesus heals the man publicly to demonstrate that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. The people glorify God.

Jesus cares about physical suffering and addresses our deepest need for forgiveness. The visible healing confirms His authority to do what the crowd cannot see.

Cross references: Daniel 7:13-14, the Son of Man's authority; Mark 10:45, His life given as a ransom.

7. What do the four friends' actions teach you about faith that acts? What obstacles can discourage us from bringing people to Jesus?

8. Why is it significant that Jesus speaks about forgiveness before healing? How should this shape what you seek from Him?

9. How does the healing answer the scribes' objection? What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is?

10. Who in your life needs to come to Jesus? Write a name and one step you can take to pray, invite, encourage, or help.

SERMON NOTES

JESUS CALLS SINNERS TO FOLLOW HIM *Mark 2:13-17*

Verses 13-14 Jesus calls Levi from his tax booth. Levi rises and follows Him.

Verse 15 Jesus and His disciples share a meal with tax collectors and sinners, many of whom follow Him.

Verses 16-17 The religious leaders object. Jesus explains that the sick need a physician and that He came to call sinners to repentance.

God's grace reaches people others dismiss. Following Jesus leads to a changed direction, and receiving His mercy should shape how we welcome other people who need Him.

Cross references: Luke 5:27-32; Luke 18:9-14; Luke 15:25-32.

11. How does Jesus' call to Levi challenge the way you view people whose reputation or past makes them seem unlikely to follow Him?

12. Read Luke 5:27-29. What did Levi leave, and how did he bring his friends into contact with Jesus? What can you learn from him?

13. Why did the religious leaders object to this meal? What does Jesus' answer reveal about recognizing our own need for grace?

14. Read Luke 15:25-32. How can pride keep us from rejoicing when someone else receives mercy? Where do you need a change of heart?

SERMON NOTES

RESPONDING TO THE GRACE OF JESUS *Romans 6:23 and return to Mark 2:17*

Sin brings death, and eternal life is God's gift in Jesus Christ. We come to Him admitting our need and trusting His mercy. As we continue following Him, we turn from sin and obey His Word.

Take time to consider where you stand with God. Answer honestly and identify a step you will take this week.

15. Am I trusting Jesus for forgiveness, or relying on my own goodness? What do I need to bring to Him today?

16. What shows that I am continuing to follow Jesus? Where do I need to repent and return to obedience?

17. How will I show Christ's compassion to someone I might otherwise overlook? Write one specific action for this week.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Thank Jesus for His grace. Confess what He has brought to mind, ask for help to follow Him, and pray for the person you named in question 10.

ADDITIONAL NOTES
