

Life Group Questions - Mark 3

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* Jesus is rejected.

Outline

1. Rejecting the King (vv. 1-35)
 - A. Another Sabbath, Another Conflict (vv. 1-6)
 - B. A Following and a Calling (vv. 7-19)
 - C. Ultimate Reaction, Ultimate Belonging (vv. 20-35)

Interpretation Help

Gospel Centrality

1. Jesus is the rejected Savior who saves and calls all types of unlikely people to follow and serve Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. What are some stories of rejection from your own life that came to mind as we studied about Jesus being rejected?

Letting the Text Shape our Framework

1. Another Sabbath, Another Conflict (vv. 1-6)
 - A. Why is Jesus assaulting the Sabbath? What are the differences between “idolatry-sabbath” and “worship-sabbath,” and how can we apply this to our weekly practice?
2. A Following and a Calling (vv. 7-19)
 - A. Thinking back to Jesus’ response to the Pharisees in v. 2:17, what are the type of people following Jesus that Mark want us to see to notice?
 - B. When brokenness surfaces what also is typically present? What are your experiences with evil opposition to the gospel being proclaimed?
 - C. How are the twelve disciples an example of “unity transcending affinity?” How was the makeup of the twelve a witness to a skeptical and unbelieving world? What does this say about our strategy for growth at CHBC (i.e. membership, life groups, etc)?
3. Ultimate Rejection, Ultimate Belonging (vv. 20-35)
 - A. Why does Mark place vv. 22-30 inside the ‘family-rejection’ scene?
 - B. Jay definition of the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is *to believe Jesus is a threat to all that is good and live your life to seek the downfall of his name*. What are your initial thoughts to this definition?
 - C. Although both are not good, what is the difference with rejecting parts of the Christian faith (i.e. doctrinal or moral) and rejecting the “brand” of the faith (i.e. Jesus)?
 - D. Why is it so important for us to know the answer to the question “Who is this man?” is our culture today? Why is it everything?

E. In sum, who is the true family of God (vv. 31-35)?

Traveling Through the Cross

1. Obedience in sum is receiving the promises of God. What are ways you must continue to repent of and believe Jesus is who he says he is?

Applying This Passage to our Lives

1. What strikes you about the question of this book: Who is this man?
 - A. What are ways you can daily put your self-awareness subordinate to this question?
2. How will you answer this question this week: How is Jesus calling me “to do the will of God?”