

**Sermon Notes:**

**Passage: Mark 3:7-19**

**People came from all over to see Jesus**

-Mark makes a point to show people that people came from all over the region. This wasn't just a local phenomenon, but the word started to spread and people were coming in droves. Mark is also making a point that they weren't all Jewish.

**People came for the miracles**

-These weren't tricks like pulling a rabbit out of a hat or roadside car tricks, but they were bonafide miracles that people saw with their own eyes and experienced first hand.

**13 Afterward Jesus went up on a mountain and called out the ones he wanted to go with him.**

Jesus didn't want just crowds to follow him, but he desired those that would be closer.

-He desired companions to share life with.

-He desired friends that would share and understand His mission.

-I believe that it is God's desire that He draws near to all of us, through his Spirit.

**Are you willing to transition from being someone who follows from a distance to someone that is called out to draw closer to Jesus?**

**Are you willing to transition from someone that follows Jesus for the obvious benefits, to someone that truly understands His mission and takes it up for him/her self?**

This question isn't about salvation. It is not a question about whether you believe in Jesus or not.

1. It is about Jesus calling us into deeper intimacy with him.

2. It is about Jesus calling us into His mission with him. He desires to share His mission with you!

Being apart of the Crowd is ok. We all start somewhere, but God's ultimate desire is to take you from the Crowd to His Companion.

From consumer to contributor.

From benefitting from the mission to taking up the mission.

## **Life Group Discussion**

**Warm Up:** (feel free to use any or all of these questions)

1. What is the most memorable trip you have ever taken? what made it memorable?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's Sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

## **Study & Discussion:**

Read together: Mark 3:7-8

The crowds were drawn to Jesus because of the miracles. In your opinion what is it that will draw people to Jesus today in 2019?

Read together Mark 3:13-15

How is this similar or different to how God operates today?

Read together Luke 10:1-20

In this chapter Jesus sent out 72 others to take up His mission. What are some things that stick out to you about this story? What kind of authority did He give them?

## **Application:**

Do you see yourself as someone that has been given authority by God? In what ways do you feel prompted to take up His authority?

## **Prayer:**

1. Ask for individual prayer requests
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?