

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is the largest crowd you have ever been a part of (sports event, concert, etc.)?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. This passage tells what happened when thousands of people gathered to be healed by Jesus. Even non-Jews from present day Lebanon were part of this huge crowd.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 3:7-15.** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - The people wanted to be healed. Physical healing is great, but it is temporary. What are some things Jesus wants to give people even more than physical healing?
 - When the unclean spirits (demons) shouted, “You are the Son of God,” Jesus stopped them. Evidently Jesus did not want people to think demons were His representatives. Someone read verse 22. What were the scribes accusing Jesus of?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - Instead of allowing demons to declare who He was, according to verses 13-15 who did Jesus choose to tell the world about who He was?
 - The disciples could share from personal experience who Jesus was and what He had done in their lives. What are some ways that Jesus’ disciples telling others about Him is better than the testimony of demons or even large gatherings for physical healing?
 - Do you believe Jesus has chosen you to be one of His present-day disciples who will help others come to know Him? How does that make you feel?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this: *“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?”* [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

* Use a different “icebreaker” if you prefer.

** Reading from different translations often helps.