

May 18, 2014
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
Pastor Paul S. Brown
Mark 3:7-19

“Team Jesus”

- I. The Title – 1:1
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ) - 1:14-8:30
 - 1. The Gospel Call (1:14-20)
 - 2. Power Fishing (1:21-2:17)
 - 3. Relationship vs. Religion (2:18-3:6)
 - 4. Team Jesus (3:7-19)**

a. Multitudes by the Sea (3:7-12)

b. Twelve on the Mountain (3:13-19)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read the following quotes on Legalism and discuss where you have seen such beliefs & behaviors in the church and what should be done about it:

Legalism is the improper emphasis on works in our relationship to God. It focuses on the manifestations of spirituality that can be measured by number, frequency, duration, amount, and so forth. No one has the authority to force upon themselves or anyone else external measurements of spirituality that have no scriptural basis. - Don Whitney

Legalism makes believers think that God accepts them on the basis of what they do. Licentiousness makes believers think that God does not care what they do. Both errors have terrible spiritual consequences. - Bryan Chapell

2. In Mark 3:6 we see that the Pharisees and Herodians want to kill Jesus. What is the response from the general population according to Mark 3:7-12? Why do so many people like Jesus at this point?
3. In Mark 1-8 the point being made is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (1:1 cf. 8:29). But who are the ones so far that recognize Jesus that way? Why does Jesus warn them not to tell anyone?
4. In Mark 3:7 it says that Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples. At this point in Mark how many of the disciples do we know? Why does He select (appoint) 12 and not 24 or 48 or 500?
5. Mark 3:14 says that Jesus appointed twelve for three reasons: 1) to be with Him; 2) send them out to preach; 3) have authority to cast out the demons. Why is the first one so critical? What does it tell you about Jesus (God)?
6. Read Acts 4 (yes the whole chapter!). Now go back and read v. 13. How does v. 13 impact (or explain) everything else you read in the chapter?
7. How important is it to spend time with Jesus before we go out and represent Him? How much time do you spend daily with Jesus? When and where do you do it?
8. Are you close to Jesus right now? Are you progressively getting to know Him better? When you tell people about Jesus is it real and personal to you? If not, why not?
9. What do you know about the 12? Why does Mark only point out a few specific facts about certain disciples? Just from that information what would you think about "Team Jesus?" What chance would you give them to impact Israel and ultimately the whole world? What chance would you give this team to even work together in unity? Why did Jesus pick these guys?!?
10. Jesus handpicked the 12 to be sent out as His representatives. He also handpicked YOU. Why did He pick you? What does He want to do in and through your life? Read Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; and 2 Cor. 5:14-21 to help with your answer.
11. List 5 people that you will commit to pray for daily who currently do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Ask the Lord to give you the boldness to go tell them about Jesus and then go do it in the power of the Holy Spirit leaving the results to God.