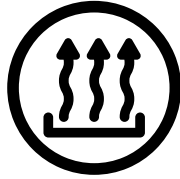




# The Gospel of Mark



## WARM-UP

When was the last time you tried something completely new to you? What was it and what was it like?



What happened last time in chapter 2 of Mark?



**Break into 4 groups and answer the following questions for your set of verses. Then come back together and share with the whole group.**



### Group 1

#### MARK 3:1-6 (NIV)

1 Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 2 Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. 3 Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." 4 Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. 5 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. 6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

### Group 2

#### MARK 3:7-12 (NIV)

7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. 8 When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. 9 Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. 10 For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. 11 Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." 12 But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

### Group 3

#### **MARK 3:20,22-29 (NIV)**

20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.... 22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

23 So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. 27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. 28 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

### Group 4

#### **MARK 3:21, 30-35 (NIV)**

21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."... 30 He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."



What are people's reactions to Jesus?



Why do you think that is the reaction of those groups to Jesus?



What is Jesus's reaction and what does this say about who he is?



Are there situations where you respond like this to Jesus?



**Come together and compare your answers for the questions above**





Jesus gets angry in verse 5. Are there other times in the gospels that you can think of where Jesus gets angry?



What is the common denominator that characterizes Jesus's anger in these instances? How does this impact you?



What does it look like to blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (verse 29)?

## DISCUSSION FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



- What has been your current reaction to how God is currently working in you or the people around you?
- Is there an area where you feel you have a stubborn heart?
- What does it look like practically to live like you are family with Jesus?