

Taking It Home:

- Jesus healed people who were there just to be fixed. This crowd didn't want to follow Him when it began to cost them something. Later on, the crowds who started with Jesus scattered. Most of us will have times when we come to Jesus for a quick fix and times when we are following wherever He leads. How do you tell the difference?

- Are there people in your life who you know are seeking a spiritual experience attending religious events much like going to a concert or meeting a celebrity but have no idea what they are missing out on? In what ways can you model grace to them that will point them to discovering the Son of God and experiencing fullness in Him?

- We will continue to see in Mark how those who follow Jesus early will often settle to the point of only coming to Jesus in crisis (healing, demons, etc). How has following Jesus cost you something?

- What would it look like for you to find fullness and lasting satisfaction in Jesus this week:
 - At work:

 - At home:

 - In your recreation:

Legitimizing the Lord

Notes:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 14, 2013

Mark 3:7-12

Quick Review: As Jesus moves away from the village toward the sea, hundreds have gathered around to experience the benefits of being near Him. Many are being healed. Demons are being cast out. People from all over the land have gathered to experience a changed life. Crossing political, geographical, ethnic and racial lines the people press in on Jesus and His disciples. Jesus was not threatened by the demoniacs or put off by the desire of those near him for a quick fix to their problems. Jesus entered into the mess and demonstrated mercy and grace toward those who needed it most.

My Story:

- Have you ever helped a person with a temporary solution knowing your help wouldn't fix them or their problem long term? How did it make you feel?

- Name one time you wish you could go back and redo a decision because you know you settled for less than best.

Growing Deeper:

- What do the following passages teach you about Jesus as he encounters evil spirits?
 - Mark 1:25

 - Mark 3:12

 - Mark 4:39

 - Mark 8:30, 32–33

 - Mark 9:25

- There are only three places in Mark (1:1; 3:11 and 15:39) where Jesus is called the "Son of God." Reading each of these verses in context, why would Jesus command the demons to be quiet in 3:11 in light of 1:1 and 15:39?

- Mark 10:45 is the theme verse for the entire book. How do you see Jesus modeling 10:45 in 3:7-12?