

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THY KINGDOM COME

DISCUSSION GOAL



Help your group recognize how Jesus' reign brings heaven to earth. Help them understand what distinguishes Jesus' disciples from others and discuss how, as disciples, we can aid Jesus in furthering the kingdom of God.

ICE BREAKER



Share a time when you experienced an amazing homecoming (your own or someone else's).

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Mark 3:7-19 ESV

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Title: The King is Here

Big Idea: Jesus' reign brings heaven to earth.

Key Question: What distinguishes Jesus' disciples?

1. Called out from the crowd. (v. 13)
2. Spend time with Jesus. (v. 14a)
3. Given authority to minister. (vv. 14b-19)

DISCUSSION



- Jesus' ministry attracted a great crowd as he brought heaven to earth through his teachings, healings, etc. (vv.7-12). What do you think it looks like today to "bring heaven to earth?"
- Despite his compassion for the crowds, Jesus seeks to get away from them and call his disciples to himself (v.13). He separates his disciples from his mere admirers. What crowd has Jesus called you out of to follow him? Or What crowd may Jesus be calling you out of to be with him as a disciple?
- In the beginning of verse 14 we see that Jesus called his disciples to spend time with him. As a follower of Christ, what are some ways that you spend time with Jesus? What things get in the way of you spending time with Jesus?
- Jesus gives his disciples authority to minister his gospel and fight the powers of darkness (v.14-15). How does knowing you have this authority impact you? If you truly believed that you possessed this power from Jesus, how would it change your life?
- As Jesus' disciples, we're sent into the world to share the gospel and bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. What is blocking you from engaging more deeply in the work of the kingdom? What is one step you can take towards more fully engaging in the mission of Christ?

LIFE APPLICATION



What distinguishes Jesus' disciples from everyone else is that they've been *called out from the crowd*, to *spend time with Jesus*, and have been *given authority to minister*, aiding him in bringing heaven to earth. As a group discuss which of the three distinguishing actions you struggle with living out and what step(s) you need to take this week to grow.

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


