

## Ministry has Challenges!

### Lesson #14

### Mark 3:7-12

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#### I. Jesus and his disciples travelled to a secluded place.

**\*\*Mark 3:7** *“Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed.”*

**John 6:66** *“From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him.”*

#### II. Jesus and his disciples were tracked by a large crowd.

**\*\*Mark 3:7b** *“... and a large crowd from Galilee followed.”*

**\*\*Mark 3:8** *“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.”*

**\*\*Mark 3:9** *“Because of the crowd He told His disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.”*

#### III. Jesus transformed the sick and demonically controlled people.

##### A. Jesus healed people who had diseases.

**\*\*Mark 3:10** *“For He had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch Him.”*

**Mark 6:56** *“And wherever He went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged Him to let them touch even the edge of His cloak, and all who touched Him were healed.”*

**Luke 8:44** *“She came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.”*

##### B. Jesus cast out demons.

**\*\*Mark 3:11** “Whenever the evil spirits saw Him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”

**James 2:19** “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder.”

**\*\*Mark 3:12** “But He gave them strict orders not to tell who He was.”

**Acts 16:17b** “... these are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.”

**Acts 16:18** “She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.”

**Mark 1:34** “And Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but He would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.”

**Matthew 8:16** “When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to Him, and He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.”

**I Corinthians 10:20** “No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.”

**Acts 19:18** “Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. <sup>[19]</sup> “A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.”

### **Here are some truths about serving!**

#### **A. Serving the Lord will not always be convenient. So, be available!**

**Philippians 2:4** “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

#### **B. Serving the Lord comes with a cost. So, be giving!**

**Acts 16:15** “When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.”

#### **C. Serving the Lord pushes us out of our comfort zone. So, step out by faith and serve!**

**Philippians 4:13** “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”

**James 1:5** “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to him.”

**Philippians 4:19** “And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

**Luke 1:37** “For nothing is impossible with God.”

#### **D. Serving the Lord can change the life of those you minister too. Ask the Lord to use you!**