

MARK 3:1-19

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

1. Where does Jesus go and on what day does he go there?
2. Who was there watching Jesus, what does the passage say their intentions were?
3. What was wrong with the man who needed healing? What question does Jesus ask?
4. What is Jesus' response to the silence after he asks the question in verse 4?
5. Look up on a map the places mentioned in verses 7, 8?
6. What are the different things that Jesus does in verses 9-12? How do the unclean spirits respond to Jesus and what does Jesus tell them?
7. In verses 13-19 Jesus selects the twelve. What does the passage say they were chosen for?
8. Who are the twelve?

INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?

1. Why do you think the Pharisees/Herodians wanted to destroy Jesus?
2. Look at the emotions of Jesus mentioned in verse 5. We are told that Jesus was angered and grieved. What does this tell you about Jesus?
3. Jesus certainly could have told the man with the withered hand to meet him tomorrow, I will heal you then. He doesn't, rather he almost starts the fight with the Pharisees. What is Jesus purpose in healing this man on the Sabbath, in the Synagogue?
4. What is Jesus purpose in telling the unclean spirits to "not make Him known"? (v. 12)
5. Is there any significance to the geographical description in verses 7-8?
6. Does Jesus know at this point that Judas will betray him? If so, why does he select him?

APPLICATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN TO ME/US?

1. Last week you were supposed to examine the importance or unimportance of the Sabbath to you. Considering the sayings of Jesus as to the Sabbath being made for man and it being lawful to do good and save life on the Sabbath, what activities would be appropriate for a "Sabbath"?
2. How would you respond to people who wanted to destroy you? What can we learn from Jesus about how to respond to enemies?
3. Would Jesus have wanted you to be one of the twelve? Would you have wanted to be one of the twelve, knowing now with hindsight all that would happen in the next three years, and knowing it would probably lock you into a life of missionary work for the rest of your life? (The apostles were sent out into all the world).

ACTION PLAN

Spend time personally and with others in coming up with an action plan inspired by your study. What in this passage compels you to desire a change, to move to action, to become more like Jesus? It could be a change in thinking, behavior, character. It could be internal or external. It could be personal or relational. Just don't leave studying the Bible as simply an intellectual exercise.