

## The Unexpected King: The Gospel of Mark

*A study for Community Groups to use the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>*

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

### Week 8: Mark 3:7-19

#### Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

*"Jesus also gave these disciples the ability to cast out demons along with preaching. The miracles would convince many of their hearers that God had sent them as His spokesmen. Mark probably mentioned exorcisms because this was the greatest demonstration of the disciples' authority, not the only one. This Gospel documents Jesus' training of the Twelve in these two basic areas particularly: being with Jesus and preaching."– Constable's Notes*

#### Questions

\*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

- In Mark 3:7–12, crowds gather around Jesus because of what He can do, but don't necessarily follow Him deeply. What do you think people were really looking for from Jesus, and how do you see that same tendency in your own life? Where might you be seeking a quick fix or outcome instead of real, lasting change?
- In Mark 3:13–15, Jesus calls ordinary people "to be with Him" before sending them out, even before they feel ready. What stands out to you about being invited into relationship before being given a role or task? How do you typically respond when you feel unready or not enough, and what might it look like to take a step toward Him (or something He's inviting you into) this week anyway?
- In Mark 3:16–19, Jesus brings together a group of very different, imperfect people and forms them in community. Why do you think growth often happens through messy, uncomfortable relationships rather than easy ones? Where might leaning into community, rather than staying in the "crowd" or keeping distance, change the direction of your life right now?