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Study Questions
The Good News About Jesus According to Mark
What Is A Christian?
Mark 3:7-35
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Opening Discussion

1. How does our culture define the term “Christian”?
2. How is it possible that people can deny what Jesus taught, and even deny Jesus Himself, and still consider themselves Christian?
3. Define a Christian in one sentence.

Bible Study

1. Read Mark 3:7-12. What were the crowds seeking?

In what way do these verses describe what many so-called Christians are seeking from Jesus today?

Does the term “consumer Christians” accurately describe these people? Why or why not?

2. In what way do the demons provide a contrast from the multitudes in terms of their response to Jesus? (v. 11)

3. Read 3:13-19. Jesus called forth His leadership team. What was their calling?

How do these men differ from those mentioned in the previous paragraph?

4. Read 3:20-27. Jesus was constantly misunderstood and falsely accused by others. What can we expect when we choose to be a Christ follower?

5. What is the unforgivable sin according to 3:28-30?

Why is it unforgivable?

6. Read 3:31-35. Who did Jesus say are His family?

What is the will of the Father according to 3:14,15?

7. Mark presents us with “consumer Christians” who simply wanted to use Jesus for selfish gain, family and friends who thought He was crazy, and religious leaders who thought He was demon possessed. But what is a true Christ follower according to Jesus?

Application

1. Do you think you are more like the multitudes in 3:7-12 or like the apostles in 3:13-19, 35? Why?
2. Should we expect to be understood and appreciated by others for being a follower of Christ? Why or why not?
3. Are you a true Christian? Why or why not?