



SESSION 4 | JANUARY 30, 2022

READ MARK 3:7–4:34.

WATCH SESSION 4 | MARK 3:7-4:34. *(11 minutes long)*

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- As you watch, pay attention to (1) the sort of followers who were the primary focus of Jesus' ministry, (2) what Jesus required of his followers, and (3) what crop the true disciples produced.

DISCUSS

The true meanings of Jesus' parables weren't available to everyone, and He chose just a few to mentor closely.

- What sets the *disciples* apart from the *crowds* following Jesus?
- What would you have to give up to pursue true discipleship? What's one thing you can begin to surrender to Jesus this week?

Refer to Mark 3:7–35.

- In these verses, Mark bounces from Jesus and demons to Jesus and his true family and back again. What's the irony in the way these passages work together? What do you think Mark is trying to say about the teachers of the law (the scribes)?
- Jesus' demanding call may run up against our expectations for how our lives should go. Think about a situation in which life did not meet your expectations. How did you reconcile those events with your faith?

Refer to Mark 4:1–20.

- The Parable of the Sower lays out the path of true discipleship along with the possible pitfalls. Describe the dangers of each of the problematic soils. What is Jesus teaching His disciples in this parable?
- Using your imagination, choose one of the soils in the parable and describe how it might apply to someone today. What might be happening in that person's life?

SESSION GOALS

Main Idea: True disciples have a heart condition that is committed to God's kingdom rather than the applause of people.

Head Change: To recognize that discipleship is about advancing the kingdom of God.

Heart Change: To feel confidence in our acceptance through Jesus.

Life Change: To work at bearing fruit in keeping with our discipleship.

Refer to Mark 4:21–34.

- What do these verses say about the way the kingdom grows?
- What does faithfulness look like for you in your context?

TO TAKE WITH YOU AS YOU GO

(Consider using this to guide your prayer as you close your time together)

Jesus calls us into discipleship in order to grow the kingdom of God. Ultimately that kingdom will change the world. But our contributions are likely to be small—hardly noticeable. And that’s okay, because the kingdom is what matters—not our fame. We have the opportunity to play a small part in building it. Is that enough for you? Are you willing to be a small part of God’s great story? Where and in what (probably small way) is God asking you to live in his story?



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