

## “Responses to Jesus & Jesus’ Response”

*Mark 3:7-35*

### Discussion Questions

- 1) What was your first team or business venture and how did you select your partners (if you had any)?
- 2) **Read Mark 3:7-12.** How far away were people traveling to see and hear Jesus (see Bible map)?
- 3) If you were there, what would have motivated you to come? What, if anything, would have motivated you to stay more than a few days?
- 4) **Read Mark 3:13-19.** Where does Jesus go to select his team? Why does he choose twelve? Why these twelve?
- 5) What was their role and how did he plan to train them for it?
- 6) **Read Mark 3:20-30.** Why does the family of Jesus respond to what he is saying & doing (vv.20-21)? What “spin” do the teachers of the law put on what Jesus was doing (v.22), and why?
- 7) How do Jesus’ parables answer the objections raised against him? Why does Jesus treat the “spin” his opponents are putting on his work with such seriousness (v.29)?
- 8) Have you ever experienced a conflict between what God wanted for you and what your family expected of you? Explain.
- 9) How and why do people tend to dismiss Jesus and God’s work today? What lessons, if any, can we learn from Jesus in how best to respond?
- 10) **Read Mark 3:31-35.** If you were in the crowd when the call from Jesus’ family came, how would you have reacted to Jesus’ response? If you were his family, how would you have reacted?
- 11) What did Jesus say is the basis for a family relationship with him (v.35)? Which of the following statements best describe your relationship with the family of God?
  - a) I’ve been in the family a long time
  - b) I’m just a baby in the family
  - c) I’m a “black sheep” in the family
  - d) I like Jesus, it the other family members that I find difficult
  - e) I usually get along great with other family members
  - f) Other...