



Journey through the Gospel of Mark: “Stretch Out Your Hand”

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Scripture: Mark 3; Mark 2:27-28; Luke 13:14, 14:4-5; John 5:9, John 9:14-16

Sermon Overview: To be Jesus’s disciples, we cannot allow ourselves to be more concerned with the rituals than the needs that God has placed right in front of us. Jesus “called out” His disciples into a relationship with Him. We are Jesus’s disciples, and we are called (1) to a relationship with Him, (2) to proclaim the Good News to the world, and (3) to go about in Jesus’s authority to drive out evil, heal the sick, and restore the broken things.

Sermon Series Question:

1. Who do you say that Jesus is? How does your answer match how you live your life?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. Compare Mark 3:13-16 with John 15:16-19. Jesus says He called us out. He chose us (we did not choose Him). And yet we are called out of the world to be intentional in our relationship with Jesus. Pastor Mark says the truth is found in the tension between polar opposites. Where is the truth hidden here? How is it that He chose us, and yet we are responsible for growing our relationship with Him?
2. We are also called to proclaim the Good News to the world around us. What is the Good News? When did you first hear the good news, and why was it so good for you in that moment? Pastor Joel says that “faith begets faith.” Would you consider sharing your testimony with someone?
3. Compare Mark 3:13-19, Matthew 10:1-8, and Luke 10:19. What tasks did Jesus give His disciples? What does it mean to have authority over all the power of the enemy? How does knowing that you have this authority change the way that you go about your day, interact with people whom God puts in your path, and pray for others?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read through the first three chapters of Mark. What themes do you notice in these chapters about the Sabbath, religion, and authority over evil? What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us about His authority and His Lordship?

Practical Application:

- What is your mission field? Is it where you work, live, or play? Pick a focus and sign up for the 40-day prayer walk challenge by texting the word “Walk” to 844-504-0861 or going to ncc.re/prayerwalk.
- If you are already participating in the prayer walk challenge: ask the Holy Spirit to put five people on your heart, for whom you can pray by name this week. Pray that the Lord would BLESS them in their (B)ody, (L)abor, (E)motions, (S)ocial relationships, (S)piritual well-being. Be specific in your prayers.
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