

# Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

— SESSION 11 —

## THE CROWD AND THE COMMITTED

As we continue our study of the Gospel of Mark, we notice that the fame of Jesus had spread far and wide at this point. Large crowds began to swell around the person of Jesus for all kinds of reasons but this didn't change the mission of Christ one bit. In fact, Jesus chose to take a break from the crowd so He could set apart twelve disciples and appoint them to help with the increase and expansion of His ministry. These passages show us that there is a big difference between those in the crowd who came to Jesus for something and those who committed to Jesus to help Him with something. All of us are called by Jesus to be His disciples and continue His ministry but the choice still remains as to whether we will stay in the crowd or become the committed.

**Mark 3:7-19** – *Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and also from Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him. And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him; for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him. Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, "You are the Son of God!" And He earnestly warned them not to tell who He was. And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons. And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder"); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.*

### JESUS AND THE CROWD (verse 7-12)

1. The crowds came from everywhere
2. The crowds came to see or experience something
3. Jesus always ministered to the crowds

### JESUS AND THE COMMITTED (verse 13-19)

1. Jesus called people to be with Him
2. Jesus called people so He could send them to minister
3. Jesus called ordinary people

### MOVING BEYOND A CROWD MENTALITY INTO COMMITTED DISCIPLESHIP

1. We need to evaluate our life with the Lord
2. We need to freshly surrender to His mission through our lives