



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

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### **Mark 3:7-21**

1. Sometimes it can seem like preparing for ministry is a waste of time when there is real ministry to be done right now. What biblical examples can you name of people who spent time preparing for ministry before they fully entered into their ministry?
2. Read Mark 3:1-6. Based on these verses, what happened that forced Jesus to withdraw at this particular time?
3. According to Mark 3:8, why were the people coming to Jesus? How have you been tempted to come to Jesus only for the things he can give you instead of for the relationship that he offers?
4. Read Mark 3:20-21. How did Jesus's family respond to his ministry? Why were they so negative? Share with the group if you have ever had struggles trying to serve Christ around or among your family members.
5. After he cast out demons, Jesus strictly charged the people to not make him known. He did something similar with the leper in Mark 1:42 and with the demon-possessed man in 1:25. Why was it important for Jesus's full identity to be kept secret at this point in his ministry?
6. Read Ephesians 3:7-13. What was Paul's specific calling in ministry? How do these verses help you to resist the temptation to judge others who do not engage in the same kind of ministry that you do?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Romans 12:6a. Discuss together what gifts and passions God has given you that you may be able to use for ministry and missions.