

## **Displaying the Kingdom**

### **Discussion Questions for Mark 3:7-12**

#### **Open It**

What is a story of miraculous healing that you have heard?  
What is it like to be lost in a huge crowd (such as in a store, airport, or stadium)?  
How is it possible to feel lost or lonely in a massive crowd of people?

#### **Explore It**

What is the setting of this story? (3:7)  
Why did Jesus want to leave? (3:7)  
Why did such large crowds follow Jesus? (3:7-8)  
Where did the crowds come from? (3:7-8)  
What was unusual about the crowds that came to see Jesus? (3:7-8)  
Why were the crowds so interested in following Jesus? (3:7-12)  
What do the details of this story tell us about Jesus' popularity? (3:7-12)  
What do the details of this story tell us about Jesus' priorities? (3:7-12)  
What did Jesus tell His disciples to get? Why? (3:9)  
How were the crowds approaching Jesus with their needs? (3:10)  
How did the evil spirits respond to Jesus when they saw Him? Why? (3:11)  
What warning did Jesus issue? (3:12)

#### **Get It**

For what reasons do you follow Jesus?  
How can you personally be involved in letting other people know what it is like to follow Jesus?  
What do you learn from this passage about Jesus' attitude toward His ministry?  
What area of your life (physical, emotional, or spiritual) needs to be healed by Jesus?  
What difference should it make in our lives that even evil spirits fall down and recognize Jesus for who He really is?  
What can we learn from this passage about resisting the devil?  
How would it make a difference in your spiritual life if you had more confidence in Christ's power and authority?  
How can we show confidence in Christ's power and authority?  
What attitude or tendency hinders you from following Jesus?

#### **Apply It**

What physical, emotional, or other hurt will you ask God to heal?  
What need can you bring to Jesus? How could you do so?  
What concrete action can you take this week in imitation of Jesus' priority of helping people?