The Gospel of Mark

Scripture: Mark 3:7-12

Also: Mark 10:45

Questions

- 1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
- 2. Read Mark 3:7-12.
- 3. The crowd is mentioned multiple times, even a "great crowd" a few times.
 - o Have you ever been part of a great crowd? What was it like? What was the event/reason for the crowd?
 - Imagine for a moment, and talk through out loud, what it might've been like to be present in these particular crowds. What did it smell like? What would the press of the crowd have felt like? Was it quiet or noisy?
 Would it have been organized lines or just a mass of humanity?
 - o It is interesting to note that Jesus told the disciples to have a boat ready for Him so that He wouldn't get crushed (vs. 9). What, if anything, can be understood about serving others vs. taking care of ourselves?
 - o Have you ever pursued Jesus like these crowds?
- 4. Read vs. 11-12. There's a conflict between Jesus and the evil spirits about declaring (or not) Jesus' identity as the Son of God.
 - What does their falling down & crying out before Him indicate about His identity?
 - Why would Jesus command them not to make Him known? Didn't He want people to know who He was, so they could worship Him?
- 5. Can you recount a time when obedience to God didn't seem to make sense?
 - o Does God have the authority in your life to command your obedience?
 - What act of obedience is God moving you towards in this season of your life?
- Pray for each other for a willingness to obey Jesus in all things, and for a willingness to follow Jesus at all times, whether that's with the crowd or against it.