



TEXT	MAIN POINT
Mark 3:7-19	Discipleship means following Christ's example.
CORE COMPETENCY	MEMORY VERSE
<p>Life Purpose</p> <p>I believe God wants me to glorify Him in all I say and do.</p>	<p>Psalms 34:5</p> <p>Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.</p>

BELONG

Play time

Fan or Follower? Talk with your family about each person's favorite sports team or musician.

Talk about it

- What do you like about the team/band? What's your favorite thing?
- How long have you liked them?
- Do you have any shirts or merchandise of theirs?
- Have you ever seen them in person? Was there a big crowd?
- How well do you know the team's stats/band's song lyrics?

Read it

Read Mark 3:7-19

BECOME

Discuss it

Word of Jesus' miracles had spread and people were coming from all over to see Him (v7-8; see map on p. 2). Some of the people were fans of Jesus while others were true followers of Jesus. Fans are enthusiastic people who seek Jesus for what's in it for them. Followers are "all in" and willing to endure the demands and reward of being a true disciple.

- Read verses 8 and 10. Why were so many people coming to see Jesus? (*They were seeking miracles/healing*)
- Is it wrong to seek Jesus for help? (*No! He tells us in Phil 4:6-7 we can bring everything bothering us to Him*)
- Would you consider someone a good friend if they only came over to play with your toys/games but never took time to get to know you? (*Of course not!*)
- What are ways you can get to know Jesus? (*prayer, reading your Bible, etc.*)
- There is a huge crowd following Jesus, yet only 12 are named as apostles. Read v13. How were the apostles selected? (*Jesus chose them, and they followed*)
- When the apostles became disciples Jesus, they left their homes, families and jobs. Were they acting more like fans or followers? (*Followers*)
- If you say you believe in Jesus, but nothing in your life changes, are you more of a fan or a follower? (*Fan*)
- Describe what a modern-day fan of Jesus might look like verses a modern-day follower of Jesus?

Do it

- Memory Verse Picture It! Have children draw pictures in place of as many words as possible within the memory verse.
- Reflect! Take time this week to consider if you are making an honest effort to love God with all you've got.

Dig Deeper

Jesus doesn't want fans, He wants followers. Read the following scripture to learn more:

- John 6:25-69 — Jesus has miraculously fed the 5,000 from 5 loaves and 2 fishes. The next day the crowd seeks him again. What were they after? What does Jesus offer instead? How do the people in the crowd respond?
- Matthew 7:21-23 — Does everyone who says they are a Christian enter the kingdom of heaven? Which people will? Is Jesus more concerned with our words or actions? What do you think Jesus means when He says, "I never knew you. Away from me you evildoers"?
- James 2:14-19—Is believing in Jesus enough to show your faith in Him? How do your actions reflect your faith? Do demons believe in Jesus? Do they have faith in Him?

