



Mark My Words Week 3 Discussion Guide **“Jesus Has A Big Tent”**

Icebreaker question: What is your experience with large crowd events? Fun for you? Too much?

1. The first two weeks of this series, we have seen that Jesus was someone worth following and full of surprises. Thinking back over your group discussions and/or personal devotion time, what has been *your* biggest take-away about Jesus from the sermons and study so far?
2. I think one of the surprises about Jesus and his followers is how diverse the people were who were attracted to him for one reason or another. How diverse is your workplace? School? Life group? Talk with your group about what part diversity plays in these settings. What do you observe and what impact does it have on you personally?
3. Diversity in Jesus’ circle (the 12 and beyond) is reflected in more than their jobs. Their personalities, their life experiences-current and past are also quite diverse. Why do you think Jesus pitches such a large tent?
4. The “Tent” of Jesus is certainly about the mission and the call... but its also about who is included and loved. Are you willing to share how being included or excluded has impacted you? How does feeling included by Jesus feel to you? Were/are you surprised Jesus included you under his tent of love and mission?
5. Our message states, *‘the mission of Jesus became more important than their personal missions/ convictions and differences. Loving your neighbor, radical forgiveness, and unearned mercy and grace became their new mission. And Jesus says... start here.’* The mission begins with us—the Church. What do you need to lay aside to better love and include the other under Jesus’ big tent?

Prayer Time: Pray for any specific requests in your circle. Pay attention to where the Holy Spirit points out opportunities to include others and bring unity in Jesus.

This Week: Continue to set aside intentional time for Bible reading and reflection. Be sure to include a time of silence for “listening” and reflection.

FOR ADDITIONAL READING AND STUDY: Check out the Bible reading plan here:
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