In Dark Times We Need Shepherds

Mark 3:1-19

Key Verses: 3:13-14

1. When and where did this event take place (1-2)? Who was at the center of this event (1b)? How did some Pharisees and Jesus see this man differently? What did Jesus say to the man and why (3)?

2. How did Jesus teach them what is lawful on the Sabbath (4a)? Why was Jesus angry and distressed (4b-5a)? How did Jesus do good and save life on this Sabbath (5b)? What did the Pharisees’ reaction show about them (6)?

3. With whom did Jesus withdraw (7a)? What do the size, extent and enthusiasm of the crowds coming to Jesus tell us about those times (7b-8; 6:34)? What did Jesus and his disciples do for them (9-12)?

4. Where did Jesus go and why (13)? Whom did he call (14a)? For what expressed purpose did he appoint them (14b-15)? What does it mean: “to be with him,” and, “to send them out”? What did he send them out to do?

5. Who were the appointed twelve (16-19)? Why did Jesus give special names to three of them? In light of this passage, what was Jesus’ hope and vision for the twelve?