

## Matthew 9:27-34; Mark 4:35-6:6; Lk 9:57-62 - Daily Study Questions

<p>4. In Mark 5:1-12 describe the man that they encountered next (v1-5, 9). What did he do (v6-7) and why (v8-9)? What did then ask (v10-12)? What does this reveal?</p>	
<p>5. According to Mark 5:13-20 what did Jesus do (v13) and what were the results (v14, 15-16, 17)? How did Jesus deal with the man (v18-19) and what was the outcome (v20)?</p>	
<p>6. Look at Mark 5:21-24, 35-43. What need was presented (v23, 35) and by whom (v21-22)? How did Jesus respond (v24, 36, 37-43)? What is the main teaching here (v36, 41-42)?</p>	
<p>7. Using Mark 5:25-34 describe the woman who touched Jesus (v25-26) and why she did (v27-28). What resulted (v29) and how did Jesus handle this (v30-31, 32, 33-34)? Apply.</p>	
<p>8. Read Matt 9:27-34. What 2 miracles did Jesus perform (v27-31, 32-34) and what motivated them (v28-29, 30, 32)? What was the outcome (v31, 33, 34)?</p>	
<p>9. From Mark 6:1-4 where did Jesus go (v1) and what was the reaction (v2-3)? Why (v2, 3, 4)? How do we do the same thing?</p>	
<p>10. Based on Mark 6:4-6 in what way was Jesus limited by the people (v5) and what was the basic problem (v6)? How did Jesus deal with this (v6)?</p>	
<p>11. Review this section. List Jesus' miracles. In light of this evidence for His deity how do you explain the insincere responses to Him, as well as the outright rejection? What can we learn from this?</p>	

### Scripture to Remember

“But Jesus said to him, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

**Luke 9:62 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Light (John 8:12)

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share about the darkest place physically you have ever been, and what that was like. Think back on the darkest time for you spiritually—tell what that was like.
2. Read John 8:12. What are some of the things that knowing Jesus as the Light has done to make your life filled with abundance and colorful beauty?
3. When you think about your life's journey, what are some of the detours you have taken? How has God guided you to the point you are today? How do you let His light guide you each day?
4. Think of some ways that you are allowing the Light that is in you to shine on those around you. How can we be even more effective at this?
5. Darkness makes normal things seem scary. What are some of those for you? Talk about ways that you can get those out of the dark and into the light?
6. What “trouble” are you keeping in the dark today that you need to expose? How can the group help you with that?
7. Talk about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Reason to Believe

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In 1965 Tim Hardin wrote the often covered song, “Reason to Believe”, which tells the story of one who is looking for a reason to believe another whose actions belie their trustworthiness. This is the opposite of Jesus’ experience with His people, however. While He provided ample evidence of His divine identity, there were insincere followers and the inevitable rejection by those at Nazareth who thought they knew Him. The first section from Luke 9:57-62 detailed three would-be followers of Jesus. He conducted an inescapable examination of their beliefs, allowing all to see the demands of discipleship. The first showed that disciples, like Jesus, have no earthly place to call home, the second showed that the kingdom is of higher priority than mundane family

issues, while the third underscored the importance of pressing forward without excuse. In the next section from Mark 4-5 and Matthew 9 Jesus provided irrefutable evidence for belief in Him. He performed several miracles, some which were linked to faith; others, though, were done simply because it was His Father’s will. The first demonstrated His power over the wind and seas, but exposed his disciples meager faith. In the next scene Jesus cast demons out of a man and into swine, leading him back to a normal state, thus showing Jesus’ clear power over demons. The third and fourth miracles were combined as Jesus started off to heal the daughter of a synagogue official, but unintentionally healed a woman with a hemorrhage simply by her touch of His garment. Meanwhile the daughter



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died, but Jesus resurrected her. Finally, Jesus restored sight, speech and hearing to three that He encountered. In all these situations everyone was astonished, although the Jewish leaders refused to believe, attributing His power to Satan. In the last section Jesus taught in His hometown synagogue at Nazareth, leading to the inevitable rejection that unbelief brings. While they were amazed at His wisdom, He could do no miracles there because of their unbelief—even though He had given them an overwhelming reason to believe.

## Study Questions for Matthew 9:27-34; Mark 4:35-6:6; Lk 9:57-62

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Using Luke 9:57-58 what did one of Jesus’ followers declare (v57) and what did Jesus tell him (v58)? What did this man need to consider before following Jesus and what does this teach us?</p>	
<p>2. Read Luke 9:59-62. What two request did the next 2 followers of Jesus make of Him (v59, 61)? How did Jesus answer each one (v60, 62) and what principle was He teaching?</p>	
<p>3. From Mark 4:35-41 what occurred as they sailed across the lake (v35-37)? What was Jesus doing and how did the disciples react (v38)? How did Jesus respond and what did this teach (v39-41)?</p>	

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