LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Mar .............................. Mark 01 ............................................ Calls  
2) 10 Mar .............................. Mark 02 ............................................ Forgives 
3) 17 Mar .............................. Mark 03-04 .................................... Unites 
4) 24 Mar .............................. Mark 05 ............................................ Restores 
5) 31 Mar .............................. Mark 06 ............................................ Sends  
6) 07 Apr .............................. Mark 07 ............................................ Includes 
7) 14 Apr .............................. Mark 08-09 .................................... Commands  
8) 21 Apr .............................. Mark 15 ............................................. Saves 
9) 28 Apr .............................. Mark 10 ............................................. Serves 
10) 05 May .............................. Mark 11-12 .................................... Purifies

INTRODUCTION
- Jesus addressed legalistic doctrines of men: He remotely healed the daughter of a Greek heathen, then he healed a deaf/dumb man with a 3-step process – Stick, Spit, and Speak.

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| Mark 7:1-13 | Pharisees and Scribes considered their legalistic practices to be on par with the rest of Scripture  
- Yet, we are told not to be excessively righteous & not to go beyond what is written... Ecc 7:16; 1Cor 4:6 |  
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| 7:14-23 | Fruit of the Spirit vs fruit of the flesh  
- Can people see which fruit we are producing? |  

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| 7:24-30 | vvy24-26. Again, Jesus’ reputation proceeded Him where ever He went. He found little quiet time.  
- Why did Jesus refuse to answer this lady’s repeated requests for help? After all, He gave us a command to give to everyone who asks of us ............. Mat 5:42 |  

| Hermeneutic Principle | – Just because a passage doesn’t state any conditions doesn’t mean it doesn’t have them.  
- The command to give to everyone who asks has conditions when you consider the whole counsel of God.  
- We should not give pearls to swine/fools/the wicked ...... Mat 7:6 (This woman was considered a swine till she showed her faith)  
- Those who don’t work don’t eat – even if they ask.... 2Thes 3:10  
- Even Jesus didn’t give to everyone who asked Him of things  
1. Jews asked for a sign & He gave them Jonah ... Mat 12:38-39  
2. Jews asked for more food after He fed 5,000 of them the day before and He, essentially said no. They should instead seek for the food that endures to eternal life.................... John 6:1-27 |  

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- Most of Jesus’ healings took only a touch and/or a few words spoken to heal someone in seconds. There were a few notable exceptions where it took longer:  

| Deaf & Dumb Man Healed with a 3-Step Process | vvy32-35. He stuck His fingers into the man’s ears, then put spittle on his tongue, then He spoke, “Be opened”  
- According to Barnes’ commentary, the Jews regarded spittle as medicinal for diseased eyes, and they forbade the preparation & use of medicines on the Sabbath. Jesus, by making spittle, showed their manner of keeping the Sabbath was superstitious or legalistic. In essence, their interpretation of the Sabbath was contrary to God’s intention that the 7th Day of Rest was to be for man’s benefit. |  

| Blind Man Healed with a 2-Step Process | vvy33-35. He put a mud pack on the blind man’s eyes and told the man to go wash it off. What was the significance of this healing taking maybe 30 minutes?...... John 9:1-41 |  

| Another Blind Man Healed with a 4-Step Process | vvy36-41. Jesus healed a blind man by 1st taking him out town; 2nd, He touched the man’s eyes; 3rd, He spat on the man’s eyes; then 4th, He put his hands on the man’s eyes again to complete the healing......... Mark 8:22-25 |  

| Conclusion / Applications | Jesus begins to go for the heart of the matter with His teachings and even His healings. Do we have eyes to see and ears to hear? Are we ready to break down traditions and uphold God and His word? |  

NEXT WEEK: Mark 8-9. Jesus’ disciples are still slow to recognize Jesus’ mission. Jesus did not miraculously open their eyes yet, but he let them grow at their own pace with some cow-prodding or sharp criticism along the way (‘How much longer am I going to be with you?’ ‘Why are you so slow to understand?’ ‘Don’t you guys remember?’)