

## INTO THE UNKNOWN

Mark 3:1 - 6 (ESV) December 29, 2024 Danny Bowers, Executive Pastor

## **MESSAGE NOTES**

Again He entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And He looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against Him, how to destroy Him. - Mark 3:1-6 (ESV)

Again He entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. — Mark 3:1-2 (ESV)

And He said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. — Mark 3:3-4 (ESV)

And He looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. — Mark 3:5 (ESV)

Jesus centered Kingdom living UNKNOWN is summed in two words we can relate to

- 1. TRUST that our UNKNOWN will not be a place of abandon but a place of growth
- 2. RISK that we will reveal what is withered to see growth and transformation that would blow us & others away

What responses do you have to the questions from Sunday:

- What is the withered part of your life that you'd love to see Jesus move in 2025?
- What would that movement look like? If you were to say with resurrected boldness, "Jesus, this is what I'd love to see You do ...," what would that be?
- Are you willing to take ownership of your life and faith and commit to the transformation you deeply desire?



## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Discussion Starter: What Christmas season memory is most vivid for you?
- Read Mark 3:1 6. What messages from this passage stand out to you?
- Jesus asks the man to reveal his hand. What emotions arise for you as you read that?
- Verse 5: "And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart." As Danny shared on Sunday, what impact does moral law have on people when legalism takes over instead of transformation?
- As a disciple watching and hearing all this, what do you think your response would be in this
  context and setting?
- Where in your life are you "hiding" the withered part of yourself from Jesus? From your trusted community?
- For the entire year of 2025, what one word would you want to use to describe the year when December 29, 2025, arrives?

