

St Martins C3 – June 14, 2026
Bridge Building – Open Your Life to Others

Sermon Notes:

In this series, we aim to show how ordinary people can complete God's mission of bringing love and salvation to those who don't know Him.

Read Colossians 4:3-6

You don't need to be a super-evangelist to bring God's love to others. You just need to be mission-minded.

Mission-minded people create space for others in their lives.

Read Mark 10:44-52

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, to the cross. He is moving from healer to deliverer, but he still has time for one more healing. It only happens because Jesus stops.

Mark includes eight miraculous healings. They were all disturbances to Jesus' day. Every single one of the healings of Jesus in the book of Mark is an interruption. Yet, every time Jesus is happy to leave behind his plan for a productive day and pay attention to the needs of others.

Jesus would go out of his way to connect with those who (and this is important) wanted and needed him. He would stop the good things he was doing to care for someone. He would go towards people even if it meant he didn't get everything done that he wanted. He opened his life to others to create moments to bring love to them.

We too have demands on our lives. We need to find ways to make room for others. Here are three levels we can go to:

Level One – Be Interruptible

To be interruptible is to decide that other people's business is more important than your own. It is when someone turns up in your office and says: "Do you have a minute?" and you say: "For you, I have ten minutes."

Level Two: Be Hospitable

There are a few better ways to build relationships than to have food with someone. Pick one of your twenty-one meals this week and do it with someone else.

Level Three: Be Radical

Sometimes God is calling us to reevaluate our priorities and make changes so that our lives involve non-Christians. You can't be a fisher of people if your net is not in the water.

Consider how God is calling you to be more involved with others and invest in relationships this week.

Questions for Connect Groups:

Key Point

Mission-minded people create space for others in their lives.

Questions

What stood out to you from this week's message?

What does this message tell you about God and humans?

What are the qualifications for the world's best evangelist?

How do you compare?

How is your role in mission different from an evangelist?

Would you consider yourself a mission-minded person?

Why or why not? What would it take to be more of a mission-minded person?

How much space do you have in your life to build a relational bridge?

What causes the greatest lack of space: time, energy, or priorities?

What would it look like to be okay with distractions?

Share a way you think you could be more hospitable?

How is the Holy Spirit calling you to open your life to others?

Who might God be inviting you to make room for?

Monday Devotion: Jesus the Deliverer

This week, we take a stroll through some of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. There are eighteen in all, and many of them show us how Jesus opens up His life to others and uses interruptions as moments to show His Kingdom. Think about how you can emulate Jesus today.

Scripture

Mark 1:21-33, 40-45

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Tuesday Devotion: Healing the Paralytic

The story is told of a pastor's wife who, in reflection on the morning's sermon, said: "Your message finished before you did." Preachers like preaching; they don't like being stopped mid-flow. But Jesus didn't mind. Like Jesus, sometimes we need to stop what we're saying to see what God wants to do.

Scripture

Mark 2:1-12

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Wednesday Devotion: Jesus Notices

There are some lovely verbs surrounding Jesus' interaction with people in Mark. Here we read that, "Jesus noticed." Some would have noticed the crowd at the synagogue; most were distracted by Jesus' enemies, but Jesus noticed the person who needed help. What does God want us to notice today?

Scripture

Mark 3:1-12

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Thursday Devotion: Stacking Distractions

Jesus' life was filled with needy people. Even when he is called to heal one person he is waylaid by another who wants to be healed. Talk about stacking distractions. Jesus doesn't resent these moments, he doesn't even see them as distractions. He sees them as opportunities, may we do likewise.

Scripture

Mark 5

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Friday Devotion: Be More Like Jesus

Undisturbable, imperturbable, indistractable. These are a few words I would use to describe Jesus in our readings this week. Jesus did not see interruptions as problems but moments to connect with others, to bring love, and God's Kingdom. Consider what it would look like to have the same attitude.

Scripture

Mark 7:24-37

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)
