

# **Undivided: Body of Christ**

Men's Ministries | Cultural Awareness Week

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*The focus here is a bible study from Mark 3 with the crux being 3:25: "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." Included in this bible study are application points and potential ideas for a service opportunity or starters for community engagement. All scripture references come from the NASB.*

*Leader's notes and ideas are italicized. Note: not every question will have leader's notes.*

Outline for study

I. Intro

II. Word

III. Discussion

IV. Application

V. Service/work ideas

## Intro

1. When is a time you had to work with people to complete a task that you could not accomplish on your own? What contribution did the people involved give to make the task a success?

*\*Examples to potentially bring up: sports teams, lifting something heavy, car running out of gas and getting it to the gas station, relay races*

2. While working toward that goal, what would have happened if the people involved started working against each other? Could you still be successful if people were not operating together? Why/why not?

## Transition

*Say: As men we like to think of ourselves as strong, independent and capable. We do not always think of including others or asking other people for help. Sometimes this is an adequate mindset but we get into trouble when we are required to work as part of a team. In those settings, independence can be detrimental. In one of His parables, Jesus addresses the topic of unity and working together.*

## Word

Read Mark 3:20-27

3. What would lead the scribes to think Jesus was possessed by "Beelzebul"?

4. How does Jesus change their thinking? Are His methods done lovingly, sternly or both? Why are Jesus' methods important?

5. To the best of your knowledge, take a moment to discuss some of the strongest or

most famous kingdoms in the history of the world. What about them made them so strong or memorable?

6. Was the success of those kingdoms based on the leader, military, subordinates or a mixture?

7. In the verses previous to what was read, Jesus gathered His disciples. In v.14, it says “And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach...” How many different messages were these twelve preaching?

8. What tears down a community? What builds a community?

#### Application

9. One pastor referencing Ben Franklin said, “Franklin knew that the greatest threat to this new nation called the United States was not the British coming from the outside, it was division and internal strife from the inside.”<sup>1</sup>

If our church is the house of God and “...a house divided against itself...will not be able to stand,” what is one way our group can help eliminate “division and internal strife from the inside”? Where is an area our group can build a relationship with another church/group/entity who is different from us?

#### Service/Work

10. Who is that other church or other group? What is the project we will do with them?  
*\*Ideas include a meal for each other or for the community, a united service, a service project, a game day*