



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.16.25

Mark 3:22-30// Rick Duncan

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

Study & Discussion (25 min)

Read Mark 3:22-30.

- If someone asked you, “Who is Jesus, really?” how has Mark shaped your answer so far?
 - Why do you think Jesus provoked such strong reactions - adoration from some, confusion from others, hostility from the scribes? What does that reveal about Him?
 - What factors do you think make it hard today for people to see Jesus clearly - cultural assumptions, personal pain, spiritual resistance, or misinformation?
 - When you examine the evidence in Mark, what convinces you most of who Jesus truly is?
 - What’s the difference between misunderstanding Jesus (like His family) and misrepresenting Jesus (like the scribes)? Why does that matter as we think about our own response, and the responses of others around us, to who Jesus is?
 - How do you see people today “explaining away” the work of Jesus or the power of the Spirit in ways similar to the scribes?
 - How has recognizing Jesus as the Stronger One—stronger than Satan, sin, and fear—shaped the way you follow Him?
 - Where do you feel the Spirit drawing you to a more confident, settled conviction about who Jesus is?
 - At the end of his message, Pastor Rick asked, “So, what should you do if you’re experiencing spiritual agony, wondering if you’ve committed the unforgivable sin?” Then he gave four possible answers. Which one of these answers especially resonates with you, and why?
1. Run to Christ, not from Christ.
 2. Turn conviction into confession.
 3. Have faith in facts, not feelings.
 4. See your struggle as a sign of the Spirit’s work.

PRAY AND APPLY

- Pray that the Holy Spirit opens eyes to see Jesus clearly as He is revealed in Mark—full of authority, compassion, purity, and power.
- Pray that those who have never bowed to Jesus as Lord will recognize Him as the Stronger One and take a decisive step of surrender today.
- Pray that believers who live under the fear that they've committed the unforgivable sin will be comforted, relieved, and anchored in the truth of who Jesus is and what He has promised.
- Pray that every attempt of the enemy to confuse, distract, or distort the identity of Jesus during this service will be silenced and overcome.
- Pray that the Word would cut through cultural assumptions, personal pain, spiritual resistance, and misinformation—so people see Jesus for themselves.
- Pray that those who have misunderstood Jesus, misrepresented Jesus, or explained away His work (like the crowds, His family, or the scribes) would be drawn to repentance and clarity.
- Pray that the Spirit gives the preaching pastor holy boldness, clarity, warmth, and authority to lift up Christ in such a way that neutrality becomes impossible and faith becomes irresistible.
- Pray that God strengthens His people to confess Jesus with renewed conviction—leading to lives marked by courage, obedience, holiness, and joy in the Stronger One.



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 11.23.25

Please take a moment to share
these announcements with your group.

YOUTH

CVC Youth Bowling Night: December 7

Strikes, spares, and endless laughs—CVC Youth is going bowling! Invite your friends and join us for an epic night of competition and fun. Whether you're a pro or you just want the nachos, this night is for you. Cost \$5. 6:00pm. North Wood Lane Bowling Center.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults Christmas Party: December 14

Join us for our Christmas Party at Primer Coffee! Food and beverages will be provided. Please fill out the form below if you plan on attending. Come ready for good company, holiday cheer and lots of fun! Primer Coffee. 9000 Canvas Pkwy Brecksville 6pm-9:00pm. Sign up [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY LIFE

Group Connect: January 4 & 11

You're invited to Group Connect at the CVC Broadview Heights Campus on Sunday, January 4 and 11. Members of the Community Life Team, LifeGroup and Workshop Leaders will be in the foyer after each service to help you learn more about how you can get plugged into a group that will help you grow spiritually and build meaningful community with others.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, grow, and take your next step in building relationships within our church.