

Home Group Discussion Guide for Opposition & Distraction

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. What are some of the times of greatest intensity you face at work, or in life?
Those times when you have lots of different people clamouring for your attention
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from Sunday's message?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: *Mark 3:20-35*

Read Mark 3:20-22

1. What were the different groups that Jesus had clamouring for His attention?
 - a. How do you choose where to focus your attention in these moments?

Read Mark 3:23-30

2. What was it about the Teachers of the Law that drew Jesus to **engage** their **opposition**?
 - a. What are some examples where we need to engage our opposition in our context?

Read Mark 3:31-35

3. Why did Jesus choose **not to engage** with His family's concern?
 - a. What are some examples where we shouldn't engage, and instead dismiss as a distraction in our context?
4. Thinking of these two groups of resistance, are there any dangers for us to be aware of as we choose to engage or not engage with them?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What are some ways to help you discern whether to engage or dismiss in your life?
 - a. What is one thing you can choose to apply next time?
2. What is an encouragement that is found in this message?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

