



Disciples, Crowd, Pharisees

1st Confirmation Class Handout

READ Mark 2:1-12

1 When Jesus returned to Capernaum with his disciples after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. 3 Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes and Pharisees were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? 10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." 12 And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

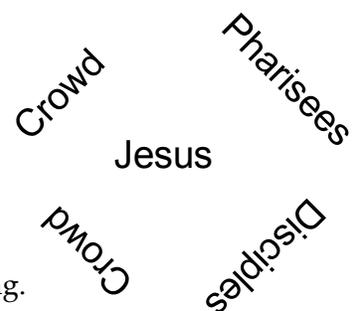
Which words in each column connect with the words in other columns? (draw lines to connect them!)

WHO	follows	WHAT	and	HOW they do it
Disciples		Establishment		Following Jesus
Pharisees		Pop Culture		Holding on to control
Crowd		Kingdom of God		losing focus/forgetting

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

During the week, observe something that people gather around (figuratively or literally – like a TV or a sports game or a subject at school or a problem at work or a political issue).

Practice identifying who is exhibiting crowd-like behavior, and who is exhibiting Pharisee-like ways of thinking and acting.



You are encouraged to NOT share your thoughts with others during the week (for example, don't point at someone and say, "Aha! You're thinking like a Pharisee!"). This is simply meant to be an exercise in awareness.