

# Screenshots of Jesus

A companion study to the podcasts of Amber Albee Swenson on the  
life of Christ through the lens of Mark

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## Lesson Seven: Discussion Questions

How can and will you shine for Jesus? That's the question.

1. Let's read again what Jesus told the demonic in Mark 5:18-20.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

What things did the man do to shine for Jesus?

2. Read Romans 12:1-8.

List the many ways we can shine for God.

3. How does Paul tell us to use our gifts?

4. Jesus said, "Consider carefully what you hear" (Mark 4:24). Maybe the song isn't inherently bad, but it takes you back to a time in your life that you weren't following God or were in a bad place in some way. Maybe it's a TV show that gets you riled up about an issue. What things might you need to examine to see if they are worth giving an ear?

5. It's easy to think nothing's changing in your life, even when you're making reading or listening to the Bible a priority. But God assures us that's just not the case.

In Isaiah 55:11 God says, "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Look up these passages to see some things God's Word might be accomplishing in you:

Romans 15:4-

"Consider carefully what you hear."  
Mark 4:24

John 5:39-40-

Psalm 32:8-

Psalm 1:1-3-

6. In Mark 4:40 Jesus says, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

What situations in your life cause you to fear?

7. How can we deal with our fears in such a way to shine the light of Jesus in a dark world?

**Big idea:** God gives us each different ways to shine. Your way of shining may be very different than someone else.

**Action Step:** What are you doing in the kingdom of God? Are you happy with what you’re doing? Are your current duties sustainable? Find out how you can serve in a practical, sustainable capacity.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, help us to shine for you. Show us where and how to use the gifts you’ve given us and let us serve with a great attitude, so our service attracts the attention of others in a way that glorifies you. Calm our fears. Keep us from narratives that provoke us to ungodly thoughts and attitudes. Thank you for listening to us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.