

## FAN OR FOLLOWER?

**A Fan is...**A devoted enthusiast, usually as a spectator.

**A Follower...**A devoted person who moves or travels behind someone.

### **1). FANS: Want to GET something** (3:7-12)

Mark 3:7 (NIV) *Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea <sup>8</sup> and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon.*

*When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. <sup>9</sup> And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him,*

*<sup>10</sup> for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him.*

### **2). Followers want to GIVE something** (3:13-19)

*<sup>13</sup> And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. <sup>14</sup> And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach <sup>15</sup> and have authority to cast out demons.*

### **3). Fans find someone to BLAME** (3:22-30)

*<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons."*

*<sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— <sup>30</sup> for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."*

### **4). Followers find somewhere to BELONG** (3:20-21, 31-35)

*<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."*

<sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him.

<sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." <sup>33</sup> And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

<sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

**5). Followers LISTEN carefully (4:1-9)**

<sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:

<sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.

<sup>9</sup> And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear.

**6). Fans Lack understanding (4:10-20)**

**7). Fans want MORE. (4:26-29)**

<sup>26</sup> And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.

**8). Followers MULTIPLY (4:30-34)**

<sup>30</sup> And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

FANS:	FOLLOWERS
• Want to <u>get</u> something	• Want to <u>give</u> something
• Find someone to <u>blame</u>	• Find somewhere to <u>belong</u>
• <u>Lack</u> understanding	• <u>Listen</u> carefully
• Want <u>more</u>	• Want to <u>multiply</u>