

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY · STUDY SHEET

Movement VII · Weaponized Difference

He Does Not Follow Us

The series question: "*And who is my neighbor?*" (Luke 10:29)

MARK 9:38 And John answered Him, saying, Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, who does not follow us. And we forbade him, because he does not follow us.

39 But Jesus said, Do not forbid him. For there is no one who shall do a work of power in My name, yet be able to speak evil of Me quickly.

40 For who is not against us is for us.

41 For whoever gives you a cup of cold water to drink in My name, because you are of Christ, truly I say to you, not he will lose his reward, not ever.

READ ALONG: Mark 9:38–41

Follow along

1. What was the man doing, and in whose name?

2. What reason did John give for stopping him?

3. Why might the disciples have felt threatened by someone outside their group?

4. What does Jesus' answer in verse 40 say about where the line is?

5. What work have you seen done well by people outside your own circle?

6. Where have you been the one told you weren't "one of us"?

7. If Jesus set the line at "not against us," what lines have you drawn tighter than his?

Leave them with

THE ONE QUESTION

Who isn't "one of you" but is doing the work?

- 1. Whose good work have you refused to praise because of whose name was on it?
- 2. Thank someone outside your circle this week for what they do.

The empty chair. Every week one chair at our table stays empty. It is for the person you would never invite.

Notes
