

Discussion Guide

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark

Sermon: Mark 2:13-

Discussion Questions:

1. “The gospel is bad news to good people.” Who are the *good people* that Jesus encounters? Why do these *good people* refuse to accept the gospel?
2. Mark 2:17. “...I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” How is this verse contrary to the common phrase, “God only helps those who help themselves?”
3. Mark 2:21-22. The Jewish people often tried to add Jesus on to their religious system. “They tried to patch Jesus onto their jeans, but Jesus is saying he is a whole new garment.” Do we ever try to make Jesus fit into our own way of religious thinking? Why do we do this?
4. Mark 2:23-28. The sabbath is a gift from God to man, but the Jews took this law as a duty and a burden in an attempt to be right with God. Is the word of God a burden to you? How does God’s Word become a blessing to us rather than a burden?
5. Mark 3:1-6. How did the experts of the law answer Jesus’ question in verse 4?
6. Mark 3:5-6. How did Jesus respond to the crowd in the synagogue? How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus miracle?

Moving Forward:

Jesus came to save sinners. First, how do we live each day trusting the truth of the gospel truth that Jesus is our only hope of righteousness? Second, who needs to hear the gospel this week? Will you go and tell?