

## Life Group Questions - Mark 2

### UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

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1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* Jesus is Lord over all.

#### Outline

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1. First patch of the quilt (vv. 1-12)
2. Second patch of the quilt (vv. 13-17)
3. Third patch of the quilt (vv. 18-22)
4. Final patch of the quilt (vv. 23-28)

#### Interpretation Help

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#### Gospel Centrality

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1. The Lord over all came and dined with the sick and sinners to heal them, physically and ultimately spiritually for eternity.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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#### Warming Up

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1. How has this series so far reshaped how you answer the questions, "Who is this man?"

#### Letting the Text Shape our Framework

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1. First patch of the quilt (vv. 1-12)
  - A. In what different ways did Jesus heal the paralytic? Why did one come before the other? What is the significance Mark wants us to know?
  - B. Jesus begins performing this miracle in response to what (cf. v. 5)?
  - C. Why is it significant the "scribes" were the ones questioning Jesus' authority? What point was Mark making with the inclusion of their "question" toward Jesus?
  - D. In what ways can our own theology keep us from coming to Jesus?
2. Second patch of the quilt (vv. 13-17)
  - A. What was Jesus telling the world about his ministry by the people he was dining with?
  - B. Why is this so scandalous to the scribes and Pharisees?
  - C. In v. 17 what is Jesus claiming is the requirement to dine with him? What sin keeps the scribes and Pharisees of the world from dining with Jesus?
  - D. How is Jesus modeling ministry for us and how does that change the way we see ourselves as ministers of the Good News?
3. Third patch of the quilt (vv. 18-22)
  - A. During a time where Jews are traditionally fasting why are Jesus and his disciples not?
  - B. What did John's disciples and the Pharisees miss about the person of Jesus?
  - C. What are the appropriate ways of celebrating and fasting as the bride of Christ, as we wait for the consummation of the Kingdom?

4. Final patch of the quilt (vv. 23-28)
  - A. Why do you think the Pharisees were more offended than ever by Jesus' actions?
  - B. Why does Jesus have the authority to make the claim, "the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath"?
  - C. Are you living into Jesus' eternal rest he gives us by his resurrection and ascension?
    - i. How are we like the Pharisees if we do not trust in Jesus is Lord over the Sabbath?

### **Traveling Through the Cross**

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1. If Jesus is Lord over all that means every aspect of our lives belong to him. Are you living a life of raising challenges to Jesus or of submission to his sovereignty?

### **Applying This Passage to our Lives**

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1. Which story resonated with you the most both before you knew Jesus as Lord? Where do you have a tendency to raise challenges toward Jesus?
2. Meditate on these truths and discuss how they affect the way you live:
  - A. Know that Jesus is Lord over all and can indeed forgive your sins
  - B. Know that Jesus desires to come to you, and for you to heed his call. Also, Jesus is willing to come to the lowliest of sinner and be in their presence.
  - C. Because of this, rejoice in the Lord, knowing that the burden of living a perfect life has been lifted.
  - D. And finally, rest in the Lord, knowing that Jesus is Lord over eternity and calls you to eternal rest and peace.