

## Mark / Chapter 2

### Short Summaries

In Mark 2, Jesus is healing a paralytic and forgives his sins. The scribes are questioning Jesus' authority to do this.

In Mark 2, Jesus is teaching in a synagogue when a man with a crippled hand is brought to him. The scribes and Pharisees are watching to see if Jesus will heal the man on the Sabbath.

### Summaries

Mark 2 talks about a man who was paralyzed and how Jesus healed him. The man's friends carried him to where Jesus was and Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven. The religious leaders questioned Jesus' authority to forgive sins, but Jesus showed them that he had the authority by healing the man.

Mark 2 tells the story of Jesus healing a man with palsy. The man's friends lower him down through the roof of the house where Jesus is teaching. When the Pharisees see this, they accuse Jesus of blasphemy. Jesus then has a conversation with them about the Sabbath, and how he is the Lord of the Sabbath.

### Application Questions

How have you seen Jesus transform people's lives who have turned to Him?

What does it mean to you that Jesus calls us to follow Him, even though we are sinners?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus being questioned about fasting? (Mark 2:18-22)

What does the story of Jesus being Lord of the Sabbath teach us about His authority? (Mark 2:23-28)

What is your personal response to the fact that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath?

How have you seen Jesus forgive and heal people in your life?

What does the story of Jesus calling Levi and eating with sinners teach us about God's character? (Mark 2:13-17)

What personal meaning do you take from the story of Jesus forgiving and healing a paralyzed man? (Mark 2:1-12)

### **Exegetical Questions**

Why does Levi get up and follow Jesus when he is called?

How does the episode with Levi illustrate Jesus' mission to call sinners to repentance?

What does Jesus' willingness to eat with sinners teach us about His character?

How does Jesus' response to the Pharisees' question about fasting show His authority?

How does Jesus' attitude toward sinners contrast with that of the Pharisees?

How does Jesus' forgiving and healing of the paralyzed man show His power?

Why does Jesus eat with sinners?

What does it mean that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath?

### **Observation Questions**

How does Jesus heal the paralytic man?

Why is Levi working at the tax office?

Who does Jesus dine with in Levi's house?

What does the paralytic man do after Jesus has healed him?

How does Jesus feel about being questioned by the Pharisees?

Why is Levi's house full of sinful tax collectors and sinners?

What does Jesus say about fasting?

How does Jesus feel about the Sabbath?

### **Group Discussion Questions**

What do we learn about Jesus from the way He deals with the Pharisees' criticism in Mark 3:1-6?

What do we learn about Jesus from the way He responds to the religious leaders' questions in Mark 2:18-28?

What do you think is the meaning of Jesus' statement in Mark 2:17, "it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick"?

What do we learn about Jesus from the way He responds to the charge of having Beelzebul in Mark 3:20-30?

Why do you think Levi (a.k.a. Matthew) was chosen to be one of the 12 disciples?

What do we learn about the Pharisees from their reaction to Jesus in Mark 3:1-6?

How does Jesus' declaration in Mark 2:27-28 that "the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" change the way we should view the Sabbath?

What do we learn about Jesus from the way He interacts with the paralytic man in Mark 2:1-12?