

Sermon Series—**The Gospel of Mark**

Discussion Questions

The Calling of Matthew—Jesus came for the Sick (Mark 2:13-17)

Week of: January 14th-20th

1. In Mark 2:1-12 the scribes have a problem with Jesus. What is that problem? Why did they have this problem with Jesus? What point do you think Jesus was trying to make about Himself in this situation? In light of the purpose statement of the Book of Mark, found in 1:1, why would Mark tell this story?
2. Mark 2:13-17 give us an indication of who Matthew (also known as Levi) was. What type of person do you think that Matthew was, and why was Jesus hanging around him?
3. Who are the people in your sphere of influence that the scribes would have disregarded as not worthy to follow God?
4. In Mark 2:13-17 Jesus makes it clear what the mission of His ministry was. What is His mission? In response to Jesus mission what do you think one of the main missions of each Christian should be?
5. What are some practical ways that you plan to involve yourself in accomplishing this mission? Who are the people that you are going to intentionally try to reach for Christ?
6. In Mark 2:18-22 Jesus is questioned about why His followers don't follow a certain tradition that John's disciples and the Pharisees followed. What is that tradition and why do you think that Jesus' disciples didn't follow that tradition?
7. In Mark 2:23-28 The Pharisees once again have a problem with something Jesus and His disciples were doing. What was the problem? Why do you think they had this problem?
8. What does it mean that, "the Sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath?" How does this statement challenge the way many people think about rules?