



Study Guide

Mark 2:18-3:6

September 26 & 27, 2020

Read Mark 2:18-3:6

1. Do you consider yourself to be a rule-follower? Do you like to challenge the rules? How would you describe Jesus? Was He trying to cause a stir?
2. What is Jesus' point about garments and wineskins in verses 21-22? What is the danger of just treating Jesus as a patch for our lives?
3. The Pharisees take issue with the disciples of Jesus picking grain on the Sabbath. **Read Deuteronomy 23:25**. What did this passage allow for? How did the Pharisees add their own standards to what the Law said?
4. Why do you think Jesus brought up David in verses 25-26?
5. How does this passage show that you can be a rule follower and yet not have your heart right with God? The religious leaders are not neutral in their view of Jesus. How do we see their hearts in 3:1-6?

6. What is the distinction between being stubborn and being committed? What convictions are worth holding to regardless of changing times?
7. We can have standards, convictions, and habits, but all of them should be to help us know and reflect Jesus better. What happens when the means becomes more important than the focus of our faith?
8. Is it possible that holding tightly to a personal viewpoint could keep us from effective ministry? What is an example of that?
9. Jesus was not doing the kinds of things people were expecting. Have you ever seen God move in a way that you were not expecting? How did this impact your faith?

As you close ...

- Pray that we would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and the needs around us.
- Pray that we would cherish Jesus more than rules/standards/habits.