



Warm up question:

- What aspect of God's Kingdom has stood out to you the most so far in these studies?

Read Mark 2:13-17

1. It says that Jesus is beside the lake again. Which Lake? What happened last time he was there?
2. Tax collectors in Jesus' time were seen as traitors by both their own people and Romans, because they would often exploit tax rates to get rich. What does the calling of Levi tell us about Jesus?
3. What are the similarities/differences between Levi's calling & the other disciples (Mark 1:16-20)?
4. Why do you think Levi was prepared to leave his career to follow Jesus?
5. What do you think Jesus means in verse 17?

Read Mark 2:18-22

6. What do you know about fasting? What is its purpose? Why might these guys have been fasting?
7. What is Jesus saying about himself in verses 19-20?
8. What is Jesus illustrating in verses 21-22?

Read Mark 2:23-28

9. What is the Sabbath? Why were the disciples doing something unlawful?
10. Why does Jesus respond the way he does in verse 27? How does this challenge the status quo?
11. Why is it significant that Jesus says, he is "Lord even of the Sabbath"?

Rubber hits the road:

- What things hinder you from engaging in true worship on a daily basis?
- Ask God to teach you what it means to truly worship him this week

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank you call all sorts of broken people – even people like us. We pray that as we ponder the fact that you know us fully and still love us completely, that it would draw us into deep worship. We pray that in the coming week, that you would teach us how to be worshippers of you. And that by your grace we might be able to throw off every hinderance that holds us back from allowing your kingdom to reign in our lives. We pray all of this in your mighty name Jesus, Amen.

