

MARK

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Mark 2:18-28

The Gospel of Mark is Jesus in the center, announcing his arrival, showing his authority, and claiming his rightful place. **Jesus may have been the most startlingly self-aware person to ever walk the earth.**

- *What have you heard thus far in the Gospel of Mark that shows Jesus' self awareness?*

As a group together read through Mark 2:18-22.

- *What is the significance of the two parables Jesus uses in his response to fasting?*
- *How is Jesus announcing his arrival as a wedding celebration important for us today?*

Now as a group together read through Mark 2:23-27.

- *What good comes from the spiritual rhythm of Sabbath rest? What does it reflect in God's character?*
- *Is there something good that God has given you that you've begun to serve instead of being served by it? (Like Jesus' response to why the disciples do not fast.)*

The Pharisees were the most like Jesus, and yet he ones most in debate with him throughout the Gospels. Theologically they are similar to Jesus, but yet different in one major way: **Tradition**.

- *Give specific examples of how you've taken something good that God has given and made it into an oppressive burden for you or others?*
- *What is Jesus' opinion on tradition, religion, and distorted intent of God's law?*

Jesus did not come reform religion, he came to replace it. As an acorn is not destroyed in the growing of the tree, neither is the acorn of God's law destroyed in the person of Jesus; it is fulfilled.

- *How is religion a lot like advice? What are the limits to good advice? What can it not do for you?*
- *The Gospel is the good news of Jesus come, in what specific areas of your spiritual walk do you find things reflective of this Good news? What areas could use the comfort that comes with the good news?*

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