

Lifegroup Questions

Mark Chapter 2

Read Mark chapter 2, then watch video by Dr Keith Warrington.

1. Put yourself in the place of various onlookers to the healing of the paralysed man (v1-12): (i) the four friends (ii) the owner of the house (iii) the paralysed man. What would each have been feeling?
2. Why does Jesus forgive the man's sins first? (Compare with John 9:1-4). In which way was Jesus declaring his divinity? What was Jesus' rationale? In which way is C. S. Lewis's comment helpful to our understanding, "We all understand how a man forgives offences against himself. You tread on my toe and I forgive you, you steal my money and I forgive you. But what should we make of a man, himself unrobbed and untrodden on, who announces that he forgave you treading on other men's toes and stealing other men's money. Yet this is what Jesus did. This makes sense only if he really was the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin"?
4. Read v13-17. What does Jesus' choice of Levi and the fact that Levi followed immediately tell us about Jesus? Why does Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners? What does it tell you about Jesus' mission? How does Jesus' words, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick" apply to our ministry and mission today
5. What was Jesus' message in response to those who asked Jesus why he and his disciples were not fasting as were some others? What did Jesus mean by the metaphor of the bridegroom? What relevance did old and new garments and wine and wineskins have in Jesus' answer?
6. Jesus reminds the Pharisees, who accused him of an unlawful practice on the Sabbath, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." What essentially is Jesus saying about himself and how might his words' apply to us today?
7. What can I learn from this chapter? What truth concerning Jesus can I apply to my life this week?