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Tuesday Bible Study

Week 3

Mark 2:18-3:35

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1. Jesus' parable of the wineskins and patch (Mark 2:21-22) is also found in Luke 5:36-39 and Matthew 9:16-17. What is similar across all three accounts? What differences do you find?

2. In Mark 2:23-28, the Pharisees show great certainty about their interpretation of the law. Have you ever felt certain that you were right about something, only to have your perspective broadened or changed? What opened your eyes and what was it like?

3. By and large, our culture no longer keeps sabbath. How could a recovery of the practice of rest be spiritually healthy for people today? What would be the challenges? What does your sabbath practice look like?

4. Why does Mark say that the crowds flock to Jesus (Mark 3:7-8)? What draws them?
 - a. What does this teach us about the way the Gospel spreads? Is there a lesson here for the church today?

5. Does the response of the unclean spirits in Mark 3:11 surprise you? Why or why not?
 - a. Does Jesus rebuke of the demons surprise you? Why or why not? What are some reasons he might not want them to tell people that he is the Son of God?

6. Bonus: What are other instances in Holy Scripture where mountains played a prominent role? What do these have in common?

7. The word “disciple” in Greek literally means “learner” or “pupil.” An “apostle” is “one who is sent. Which of these terms best describes your relationship to Christ? How might God be calling you to grow as one or the other?

8. Has “hardness of heart” ever kept you from giving credit or praise to someone who was doing God’s work? How did God soften your heart?

9. Is there a difference between being a “church family” and the “family of Jesus” (see Mark 3:31-35)? How does Jesus’ statement about his family challenge or encourage us?