

# Mark Chapter 2 Handout

## 1. Jesus Forgives and Heals

- Jesus addresses spiritual needs before physical ones.
- Forgiveness of sin is humanity's greatest need.
- Jesus shows authority over both sin and sickness.
- Faith seeks more than miracles—it seeks restoration with God.

## 2. Levi's Call and Discipleship

- Jesus calls ordinary, broken people to follow Him.
- True discipleship involves immediate obedience.
- Following Jesus may require sacrifice.
- Discipleship is a decisive break from the old life.

## 3. Jesus the Bridegroom

- Jesus describes Himself as the Bridegroom.
- His presence brings joy, not religious burden.
- Faith is about relationship, not ritual.
- His future suffering is hinted at when He says the Bridegroom will be taken away.

## 4. Religious Habits and Relationship

- Spiritual practices are meant to deepen relationship with God.
- Without relationship, habits become empty routines.
- God desires the heart, not just outward obedience.
- Relationship brings joy, growth, and transformation.

## 5. The Purpose of the Sabbath

- The Sabbath is a gift, not a burden.
- God designed it for human good and restoration.
- Mercy and compassion outweigh rigid rule-keeping.
- Rest reflects trust in God, not control.

## 6. Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

- Jesus has authority over God's law.
- True rest is found in Him.
- Grace replaces legalism.
- Our time, rest, and priorities belong to Christ.

### Reflection Questions

1. Why is forgiveness more important than physical healing?
2. What might Jesus be calling you to leave behind to follow Him?