

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Mark 2:1-5, 23-28, Ez. 36:26-27, 1 Cor. 16:13

Mark 2:1 When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. **2** Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, **3** four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. **4** They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. **5** Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Ezekiel 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. **27** And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

Mark 2:23 One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat. **24** But the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?" **25** Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? **26** He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was high priest) and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions." **27** Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. **28** So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.

Other Passages: Mark 2, Ezekiel 36, 1 Cor 16

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. What is one thing that you enjoy about Sunday routines? Is there anything that you would change about your Sabbath rest after reading these verses?
2. Do you like Jesus' response and why? Or why not?
3. Sometimes we may want things a certain way, in life, in church, in our community, and they just don't go that way. What is a healthy response to these things that change that are beyond our control. Were the Pharisees struggling with control or was it something more?
4. Take a few minutes to explore this one's - What are some criticisms that Christians get? And how should believers be addressing them in those face to face conversations?
5. Share with each other - How do we keep ourselves/our hearts tender to what God is doing? What are some things you currently do or will implement to stay alert and ready to respond?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS