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**Lesson 5 – The Scandal Maker**

**Mark 2:13 – 3:6**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 2:13-17**

*Please pray before beginning your study. A possible verse to pray this week is*

*Ephesians 1:17. Father, I ask You to give me the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of You through the scriptures this week.*

3. As recorded in Mark 2:13, what do you see Jesus continue to focus on doing?

4. Who did Jesus see as He passed by, and what was that person doing? What did Jesus ask him to do? (Also refer to Matthew 9:9 and Luke 5:28)

5. ***Thought Question:*** Why would Levi invite his fellow tax collectors and “sinner” friends over to dinner to be with Jesus and his disciples?

6. a. What is the Pharisees’ question to Jesus’ disciples?

 b. What does this reveal about them? (See Luke 6:41-42)

7. Upon hearing their question, what is Jesus’ response in verse 17?

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8. ***Personal Question:*** The Pharisees were righteous in their own eyes. How can you apply the principle being taught in the following verses? State the principle and your application.

James 4:10 -

2 Chronicles 7:14 -

*Apply this day:**Jesus came to teach. Humble yourself today, leave your ways and let Him teach you. Ask Him to lift you up, because he is the Lord and Savior. (See Psalm 25:5)*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 2:18-22**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

*9*. a. According to verse 18, what were John the Baptist’s disciples and the Pharisees doing?

*Note : Fasting is a theme throughout Scripture and is a way to pray with sincerity and humility before God. When done with the right motive, fasting and praying can be incredibly powerful. However, as we see with the Pharisees, with the wrong motives, fasting can become legalistic or a source of sinful pride.*

10. a. According to Luke 18:9-14, what does Jesus tell us about the way the Pharisees fasted and prayed?

 b.***Thought Question:*** What do you learn from this about how we should pray and approach God?

11. What question did the people ask of Jesus in verse 18? And How does Jesus respond to the people in verse 19?

12. a. Who is the bridegroom? See Hosea 2:19-20

 b. When you are with the bridegroom at a wedding, is it a time to celebrate or

 mourn?

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13. ***Thought Question:*** When Jesus said that the Bridegroom will be taken away, what do you think He is foretelling?

14. What two examples does Jesus use to illustrate the new relationship people are offered by God through Jesus Christ?

15. Read the following verses: I Corinthians 15:50,53. Who is the perishable (or old garment or old wineskin)? Who is the imperishable (or new wine or new cloth)?

*Apply this day:*Quit trying to “patch up” your old self with the newness of Christ and instead ask the Holy Spirit to lead you out of your old traditions and habits and into a new, joy-filled relationship with Jesus Christ. (See 2 Cor.5:17)

**Day 4 – Read Mark 2:23-27**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

*Note: The original Hebrew word “Sabbath” refers to a ceasing of activity or rest in honor of the day when God rested from His creation of the world (Gen 2:3). Hundreds of years of rabbinical teaching had added numerous unbearable restrictions to God’s original intent for the Sabbath.*

16. Define what the Sabbath Day is according to Exodus 20:8-10

17. According to Mark 2:23-24, what are Jesus’ disciples doing that disturbs the Pharisees? Why does this bother the Pharisees?

18. ***Thought Question****:* Jesus responds to the Pharisees’ accusations by referring to and quoting Old Testament scripture in verses 25-28. Do you see a similarity here with how Jesus responded to Satan’s accusations earlier when He was in the wilderness?

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19. Jesus used the story of David entering God’s house and eating bread lawful only for the priests to eat as a way to explain several truths about Himself. Using Matthew 12:6-8, what were two of these truths?

20. What does Jesus make clear to the Pharisees in Mark 2:27-28?

*Apply this day:**Praise and thank Jesus for being the Lord over everything and for making the Sabbath for us so that we can have a day to rest.*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 3:1-6**

*Please pray before beginning your study*

21. According to verse 1, where was Jesus at this time?

22. According to the text, for what reason were the Pharisees watching Jesus? Give the verse.

23. Explain from each of these verses in Mark 3:3-5 how Jesus boldly confronted the Pharisees.

Verse 3 –

Verse 4 –

Verse 5—

24. Look up John 5:16-18 and Matthew 12:11-12 and explain why Jesus was healing on the Sabbath.

25. What was Jesus’ response to the Pharisees silence? See verse 5.

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26. Instead of celebrating the healing of the man with the shriveled hand, what did the Pharisees do instead?

27. ***Personal Question:*** In what ways are you grieving Jesus by the hardness of your heart?

*Apply this day:**Jesus knows our hearts and sees our attitudes. What laws or traditions are you carefully following that are preventing you from following Jesus wholeheartedly? Confess them and ask God to change your heart.*

**Day 6 – Reread Mark 2:15 (SOAP)**

 *Please pray before beginning your study.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verses.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from this verse*. *Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply this verse to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*