



THE GOSPEL OF MARK GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 2 OF 8

Opener: Share a tradition that you enjoy that you have formed with family or friends.

Read Mark 2:23-28.

1. Why do you think the Pharisees were more concerned with observing the Sabbath than the hunger of Jesus' disciples?

2. Jesus replies to the Pharisees with a quote from Hosea 6:6 – “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” What does this verse mean to you?

Read Mark 3:1-6.

It seems that the Pharisees would rather keep their interpretation of a law than help a hurting man.

3. What are things that sometimes get in the way or hold us back from caring for others?

4. The Pharisees in this moment seemed to be quite calloused, but none of them probably set out to be this way. How do we ever get here? How could we guard ourselves from it?

5. Brainstorm: What are some ways we could go beyond our traditions, comforts, or routines to show love and truly see someone?