

Mark: Brand New

Mark 2:1-3:6



1. For Fun: Share a mother-in-law joke. Or share a fun story of you as a mother-in-law or with your mother-in-law. Why do mother-in-law jokes go across all cultures, and why do they have such a reputation?
2. What insight, observation, or question do you have from the week's reading plan?
3. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
4. Read Mark 2:1-3:6. Out of the five stories, which do you think is the most startling in the way Jesus brought the 'new'? Why?
5. If you could transport yourself into that time and culture, which action of Jesus would have upset you most as a devout Jew? Why?
6. In what ways are we still tempted to add to Jesus even today?
(From the stories, examples might be: trying to earn forgiveness rather than seeing ourselves forgiven in Jesus, separating ourselves from "sinners" to try and stay clean from the "evil" world, trying to look really religious with our keeping of rituals (fasting), being so law focused that we use law as a burden, hurting others, or building ourselves up (using the law to become self-righteous and prideful).
7. Jesus built everything on Himself. Why do you think it is hard for us to just accept Him and Him alone? Why are we tempted to add?
8. Pray for each other. Pray for an ability to receive the 'new wine' of Jesus as a 'new wine skin'.