



## Bible Reading Group

# The gospel of Mark

## Chapter 2

### Jesus heals a paralytic (2:1-12)

- 1 When did Jesus make Capernaum his “home”? (v1)
- 2 Where did he live?
- 3 What was the roof made out of?
- 4 How did the teachers of the law find seats in such a crowded house?
- 5 Why did Jesus say “your sins are forgiven” when he was healing him?
- 6 Were his sins connected with his disability?
- 7 How are we healed when our sins are forgiven?
- 8 Why did they think he was blaspheming?
- 9 Was he blaspheming?
- 10 Why did Jesus call himself the “Son of man”?

### The call of Levi (2:13-17)

- 11 By what name is Levi better known?
- 12 How did tax collection work in Israel at that time?
- 13 Why were tax collectors so hated?
- 14 Why did the Pharisees object to this dinner?
- 15 What effect would Levi have on the group of disciples?
- 16 How does Luke describe this meal, and what was its purpose?

17 What reason did Jesus give to explain why he socialized with sinful people?

18 What did Jesus mean by his statement in 2:17?

### **Questions about fasting (2:18–22)**

19 What is fasting?

20 Was fasting a requirement under the law of Moses?

21 Who were the Pharisees? What authority did they have?

22 How did Jesus explain why his disciples didn't fast?

23 Explain the parable of the patches.

24 Explain the parable of the wineskins.

25 Should Christians fast? If so, how often?

### **Lord of the Sabbath (2:23–28)**

26 What day of the week was the Sabbath?

27 What does the Old Testament say about keeping the Sabbath?

28 Did Jesus and his disciples break the law?

29 Find the passage describing the incident of David eating the temple bread. How is this relevant?

30 What did Jesus mean by v27?

31 Why did Jesus call himself the "Lord of the Sabbath"?

32 Should Christians still keep the Jewish Sabbath laws?