

On Your Mark  
Discipling the Disciples  
Lesson 3: Mark 2:13-17; 2:23-3:6)

Please listen to Episode 3 of “On Your Mark.”

Read together MARK 2:13-17; 2:23-3:6

Discussion Questions (pick 1-2 to spend more time with):

1. How is Jesus a “friend of sinners”? How could this statement be inaccurately received?
2. If Jesus, in Mark’s gospel, goes where the sinners go, how should this inform us? How do we keep separation from sin from becoming isolation from sinners?
3. The Sabbath was a gift from God for man’s benefit. The Pharisees, by their additional of other rules, made the gift more onerous and difficult. How do we sometimes take God’s gifts and turn them into burdens? Any examples you would like to share?
4. Read Matthew 12:1-8 (same account as in Mark 2:23-28). “If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent” (Matthew 12:7). What does this tell us about God and the importance He places on mercy?
5. In Mark 3:5, Jesus looked at the religious leaders “in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts.” A critical outlook may be a symptom of a hard heart. How do you keep your heart from hardening?
6. Who do you need to show mercy to in your life/world?