

DISCOVER JESUS WITH MARK

LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

Meeting no 4 **THEME: What sin is and is not.**

Prepare yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. Read Mark 2 : 18 – 3 : 6

20.00 – 20.10 Start Every culture has its do's and don'ts. Sometimes this leads to problems when people from several cultures meet. Can you give examples? Have you experienced this?

20.10 – 20.15 Pray.

1. We've seen that the treasure of the church is the Gospel (1:1-14). **2.** That the Gospel must be preached (1:14-1:39). **3.** And that the Gospel is for sinners (1:40-2:17). **4.** But... what is sin and what is sin not? Today's passage will deal with this question. Let's read it!

20.15 - 20.40 Bible passage: Read Mark 2 : 18 – 3 : 6

Look again at 2 : 18 – 22

- Why, according to Jesus, was it not fitting for Jesus' disciples to fast?
- In what terms does Jesus speak about himself and what does this imply? (c. Is. 62:5)

Look again at 2 : 23 – 28

- Did Jesus abolish the law of the Sabbath?
- Observation: first we met Jesus as the true Prophet, confronting the spirits of the evil one. then we met Jesus as the true Priest, dealing with cleansing, forgiveness of sins, acceptance of sinners. Now we meet Jesus as the true King (he compares himself to David). The king makes the laws, in order to serve the people and make them flourish. The sabbath was a good law. But now the maker of the laws has come; these laws were means for an end. Example: a traffic light on red is good for our safety. But when an accident has happened and a police officer commands us to drive on – though the traffic light is still on red – we know what we have to do!

Look again at 3 : 1 – 6

- How is Jesus approached in the synagogue (vs. 1-2)?
- Jesus looked around with anger. Does this correspond with your idea of Jesus?
- What do you think about the response to Jesus' miracle?

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper

Of course, you can think of the Pharisees as disgusting people. But what if their judging attitude is described as a mirror for us ('is it I Lord?'). Take a moment of silence. Share: do you see where this judgemental attitude is also in you? Let's repent of this!

20.50 – 21.00 End the Life Group meeting with praying together.