

JESUS VS. RELIGION

MARK 2:13–3:6

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Based on your knowledge of the Pharisees, what was their single most objectionable trait? How was Jesus different?
2. Read Mark 2:13-17. Is your social life more like Jesus' or the Pharisees'? What are the obstacles in your life to spending more time with irreligious people?
3. Read Mark 2:21-22. What traditions keep you from following Jesus more radically?
4. Read Mark 2:16, 2:24 and 3:2. What personal convictions do you tend to force on other Christians? Are those convictions based on Scripture or just your interpretation of Scripture?
5. Read Mark 3:1-6, Luke 13:10-17, and Luke 14:1-6. In a single sentence, what is the central message of these three passages?
6. On a scale from 0-10, how "Pharisaical" are you? What is the most important thing you can do to become less like the Pharisees and more like Jesus?