



### Bible Study: Mark 2:1- 3:6

1. What does Jesus do that's so controversial in each of the 5 incidents?
  
2. Investigating some Old Testament practices
  - (a) **Fasting:** Leviticus 16:29-30, Jonah 3:7-9.  
What can you gather about when and why they fasted?
  
  - (b) **Sabbath:** Exodus 20:8-11, Isaiah 58:13.  
What can you gather about the purpose of the Sabbath?
  
3. The religious leaders (Pharisees and teachers of the law) take offence at Jesus. Why don't they like Jesus? Do you think they're right?
  
4. Jesus' answers to their objections shows us more important things about Him.
  - (a) What does Jesus show when He heals the crippled man? (Mk 2:5-10)
  
  - (b) Why is it that Jesus' disciples don't need to fast? (Mk 2:19-22).
  
  - (c) How does Jesus defend that his disciples are not breaking the law? (Mk 2:23-28)

(d) What does Jesus show when he eats with 'sinners'? (Mk 2:13-17)

(e) What does Jesus show when he heals the man with the shriveled hand? (Mk 3:1-6)

5. Should Christians be involved in fasting? Why/ why not?

6. Should Christians observe the Sabbath? Why/ why not/ how?