### CONNECT With Sinners.

***15****While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.* Mark 2:15

**Key: Application: Who Are You inviting to Meet Jesus?**

***16****When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”****17****On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”* Mark 2:16-17

**KEY: Jesus Confronts Our Real CONDITION.**

### KNOW “Why” We Do What We Do: Fasting.

***18****Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, “How is it that John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?”* Mark 2:18

***19****Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them…* ***22****And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.”* Mark 2:19-22

**POINT: You can’t mix old religious rituals with new faith in Jesus**

### KNOW “Why” We Do What We Do: Sabbath.

***23****One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain.****24****The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”* Mark 2:23-24

***25****He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?****26****…And he also gave some to his companions.”* ***28****So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”* Mark 2:25-27

**MARK Chapter 2: More Like Jesus When We…**

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* **TEACH God’s Word.**

*A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.****2****They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.* Mark 2:1-2

* **FORGIVE Others.**

***3****Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.****4****Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.****5****When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”* Mark 2:3-5

**KEY: Who Can I Bring To Jesus?**

***6****Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,*

***7****“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”*  Mark 2:6-7

**KEY: Only God Can Forgive Sins.**

***9****Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?* ***10****But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man,****11****“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”****12****He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”* Mark 2:10-12 (See Col 3:13)

### INVITE Others To Follow.

***13****Once again Jesus went out beside the lake...****14****As he walked along, he saw* ***Levi*** *son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.* Mark 2:13-14

**KEY: Jesus Sees You As A “PERSON”, Not Your Sins and Reputation.**

Nehemiah 8:2-3

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