

Deeper Life Notes

Jesus Rules: "Stirring Up Conflict" (Mark 2:13-3:6)

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WARM UP

Describe a time when you "rocked the boat" (stirred up controversy)...

REVIEW

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's Promise.

- Jesus prioritized preaching: ordinary people follow & troubled people are helped!
- God's greater gift is our greatest need: forgiveness!
- 5 sure ways to draw near to Christ:

Don't let anything stop you.

Fix your faith on Jesus.

Come with the faith you have.

Draw strength from the character/compassion of Christ.

Get to the point.

Make the ask.

DISCUSS

How have you applied one of the ways we draw near to Christ?

How did Jesus live out this axiom: "Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny."

FOUR WAYS TO "ROCK THE BOAT" FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

1. Building relationships with the _____.¹ (Mark 2:13-17)

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" v.16

Helping others find and follow Jesus:

- Pray
- Care
- Share

¹ lost

CHALLENGE

Show someone your prayer list for the lost...

→ *Do your plans include spending time with the lost?*

2. Celebrating your _____² in Christ (Mark 2:18-22)

“Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” v.18

DISCUSS

Freedom is not attaching excessive importance to tradition and external rules...

(see Galatians 5:19-23, Romans 14, 2 Corinthians 3:17)

3. _____³ on the Word of God (Mark 2:23-28)

And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” v.24

Three sources of authority: me, others, or God

→ Pharisees vs. Jesus -- accusations & answer:

How to stand on God's Word:

- Know the Word (What does it say, what does it mean, what does it mean for me)
- Notice when something is added or taken away from God's Word (tradition, partial truth)
- Caution against “cut and paste” Christianity - know the whole counsel of God!
- Know the purpose of God's Word.

4. Refusing to be _____⁴ (Mark 3:1-6) -- *Stay on mission!*

“Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. v.4

1. Engage in controversial conversations & actions.
2. Know your enemy (see Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10).
3. Fixate on your priorities -- stay on mission!

Personal Mission Statement:

² freedoms

³ Standing

⁴ sidetracked