



## **Women in the Word**

### **Mark 2**

*January 19, 2012*

1. Read Mark chapter 1. What one or two things impressed you from last week's study of Mark 1?
2. Read Mark 1:40-45. What do we learn about Jesus in verses 41 and 42?
3. In chapter 2, we see the Pharisees, the Jewish people and the religious leaders of the day, confused at what Jesus is saying and doing. Their expectations of the coming Messiah were different. Think of a time when your expectations did not match your situation. Was it easy or confusing and difficult to adjust your expectations?
4. Find Capernaum on your map. It is at the top by the Sea of Galilee. What does Mark 2:1 tell us about Capernaum? Read also Matthew 4:12-13.
5. In Mark 2:2, how many people came to see Jesus? Who are some of these people according to Luke 5:17?
6. What do you learn about the friends of the paralytic man in Mark 2:3-5? List the characteristics of their friendship.

What are some practical ways you can incorporate their example in your relationships?

7. Read Mark 2:5-12. What questions do the teachers of the law ask themselves?

How do the words and actions of Jesus in Mark 2:5-12 answer their questions?

What is everyone's reaction according to Mark 2:12?

8. Read Mark 2:13-17. What is another name for Levi according to Matthew 9:9?

What does Jesus say to Levi in Mark 2:14? How does Levi respond?

What things do you learn about Levi from Mark 2:13-17?

9. After reading Mark 2:13-17, list all the ways that Levi's act of obedience might have changed his life.

Jesus also asks us to follow Him. If you have answered yes to Jesus, in what ways has your life changed as a follower of Jesus?

10. In Mark 2:16, the self-righteous Pharisees ask more questions. What is Jesus' answer in Mark 2:17?

What did the Pharisees fail to grasp?

How might you reach out to the needy or disenfranchised in our world today?  
Be specific.

How are you and I the needy?

11. Read Mark 2:18-22. Throughout chapter 2, Jesus and His followers' actions look different and confusing to the Pharisees. They think His conduct is inappropriate according to their religious standard. As you reread Mark 2:19-22, what do you think Jesus was trying to tell them? Also read Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Ezekiel 36:26.

12. Read Mark 2:23-28. The Sabbath day was important to the Jews. What was the command God gave to Moses and the Israelites? Read Exodus 20:8-11.

How would you describe the difference in the Pharisees' view of the Sabbath and Jesus' view of the Sabbath? What is Jesus saying about Himself in Mark 2:28?

13. In Mark chapter 2, we see over and over that Jesus has supreme authority and yet He is always serving. Name some of the ways Jesus was serving people in Mark chapter 2. Has God's Word given you new ideas on how you can serve?

14. Do you have a personal prayer request to share with your small group?