

# TRANSFORMING FOLLOWERS



**MARK 2:13-22**

# **I. Levi/Matthew was transformed by a call to follow Jesus (Mark 2:13-14).**



- **What would motivate a successful man to leave his profession to follow Jesus?**
- **What will lead us to leave anything that hinders us from following Jesus?**

## **II. Transformed Levi/Matthew wanted all of his friends to meet Jesus (Mark 2:15).**



- **When he was leaving his job, why invite all his friends to meet Jesus?**
- **What will motivate us to want to invite all of our friends to meet Jesus?**

### **III. Religious leaders objected to Jesus being with sinners (Mark 2:16-17).**



- **How do we know that the Pharisees were trying to cause trouble?**
- **Why would Pharisees object to Jesus keeping company with sinners?**
- **How can we ensure that our relationship with Jesus welcomes sinners?**

# **IV. Biblical scholars assumed somber religious behavior (Mark 2:18).**



- **How do the attitudes of the Pharisees mirror religious attitudes today?**
- **What is wrong with religious attitudes that reject or minimize joy?**

# **V. Jesus clearly showed the need for complete transformation (v.19-22).**



- **How can we know that Jesus was talking about more than wineskins and cloth?**
- **What happens when we try to fill our religious traditions with Christian joy?**
- **What happens when we try to patch our old problems instead of being transformed?**

**Call to Action: To be completely and joyously transformed by the call of Jesus.**



- How is Jesus calling you away from your comfortable life?
- How are you going to call your friends to meet Jesus?
- How are we to follow Christ in a way that includes being with known sinners?
- How much rejoicing are you known for?
- What will help all the parts of your life to be transformed by Christ?

**-How can we help?**