



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 3/13/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 3/20/2022
TEXT: MARK 2:6-22

COME YOU SINNERS

I. OPPOSITION CONCERNING FORGIVENESS (vss. 6-12)

II. OPPOSITION CONCERNING FELLOWSHIP (vss. 13-17)

III. OPPOSITION CONCERNING FASTING (vss. 18-22)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Mark 2:6-12.** What prompted the scribes to assume Jesus's words were blasphemy? Why were they not? What did the scribes fail to recognize about Jesus? Based on what we know about the scribes/Pharisees, do you think their objection was purely theological in nature or motivated by something else (and if so, what might that be)?

2. **Read vss. 13-17.** Who did Jesus call to follow Him? What was his occupation and how would he be perceived by the Jews? Why was Jesus' presence at this dinner party problematic for the scribes? How did the Pharisees use the word "sinners" (on what basis would the Pharisee consider one a sinner)? What was it about eating with this group that harmed Jesus' reputation in the eyes of the Pharisees? What can we learn from Jesus in this regard?

3. **Read vs. 17.** What was Jesus trying to communicate when He said, *Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*”? And what did he mean when He said, *I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.*”? Jesus used a bit of rhetorical language Himself. What did he mean by using the word “righteous” in this context?

4. **Read vss. 18-22.** Why did the Pharisees think it inappropriate that Jesus and His disciples did not fast? Why didn't Jesus and His disciples fast? What does verse 20 (the bridegroom will be taken away) foreshadow?

5. In what ways can a Christian become “pharisaical” if they are not careful? What does genuine repentance demand and what results will it have in one's life?

6. What insights into Jesus' character should we glean from this passage? How can we emulate them?