

Looking at Mark 2

Mark 2:18–22

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discuss

What is the main idea covered in this recorded conversation?

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were both trying to understand why Jesus and his disciples were not following the same fasting practices (and sometimes other religious practices) as has become the religious tradition and ritual.

What is best practice in testing your own understanding, theology or practices against the word of God?

Do you have someone who challenges your thinking or holds you accountable?

discuss & do

Fasting was often for confession of sins, mourning and distress at sin and injustice. (eg Ezra 9:3-4) The Jews had corporate and individual occasions to fast.

I wonder how you show your passion before God when you are distressed about the bad things in the world or your own life?

Why was Jesus saying he and his disciples were not following the normal fasting practices?

Jesus uses two illustrations to explain the principle of him ushering in a new era, new thinking, an undoing of the sadness caused by sin. Are you able to explain this simply so a child could understand?

When Jesus is present in our lives he changes us and situations so that we have hope. Share some of the personal reasons you have to celebrate because of Jesus.