

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the message on January 17th, 2010

“Why We Do What We Do” Mark 2:23-3:6

Morning Message – “Why We Do What We Do”

1. We do what we do to bless, not to burden.
2. We do what we do to help, not to hurt.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- Make announcements and have a prayer time.

ICE BREAKERS

- What is the danger in forgetting why we do what we do as a church? Why do we gather here and do what we do? (To bring honor and glory to God by reaching others for Jesus.)
- How could our ministries become a burden to the people? If we are not achieving the goal of accomplishing ministry, what should we do? Why is it important that church leadership have permission to try different ways of doing ministry? When is it appropriate to continue doing the “same things” in church? What is the value of failing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which is the better guide: basing preferences on Biblical reasons or on traditions? Why?
- When is “good enough” good enough? (Never)
- What is the relationship of faith and trying new things?
- What is the value of these questions:
 - Is what we’re doing working?
 - Are people coming to know the Lord? (more Christians)
 - Are people becoming more like Christ? (better Christians)
- How do you know if you are a responsible church member?
 - Small Groups: Sunday School
 - Worship: Corporate and Private
 - Ministry: Inside and Out
- Why were the Pharisees upset at Jesus for eating the grain? What was Jesus response and what is the application to our church?

Application

- What do you need to do differently in order to grow in your spirituality?
- What could you do differently to “spice up” your personal quiet time with God each day?