

Review:

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## The Difference Jesus Makes

### Mark 2:18-22

*For Christ followers, if any of our spiritual disciplines and religious rituals are not serving to drive us deeper into our \_\_\_\_\_ with God, then they are not serving us well. At that point, they have become a distraction.*

**Discussion 1. Can you think of any ways (for you personally) your religious rituals or traditions ever might become a distraction to you? Are there ways you might tend to lose sight of relationship because of religion?**

*The first fruits of a life filled with Jesus are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It is how Christ followers are to be recognized. If my religion influences me toward outrage, selfishness or dissension, then it is not Christian.*

**Discussion 2. Can you think of one area of your life or one regular environment in your life that sometimes seem to lack love or joy or peace? If so, what next step(s) could you take to change that?**

*Under God's covenants with ancient Israel, His people's faith would be known by their sacrifices and their rituals. Under God's New Covenant through Jesus, our faith is known by our love for one another. It is the shift from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 3. Do you think Christians in our world today are known for how they love one another? What about Christians in your own church? What about you, personally?**

*When we make our worship all about specific forms and rituals and places and traditions, we risk losing sight of the change Jesus makes. Worshiping in spirit and truth is not just mostly about the heart; it is \_\_\_\_\_ about the heart.*

**Discussion 4. Whether it is in gathered worship with others or even in your own personal worship time, what distracts you from having a heart for worship?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**