# IHL Devotionals 2026-27 | Game 3 | Mark 2

*This year's devotionals focus on the book of Mark. This week covers **Mark 2.***

*Participation in devotionals is encouraged but not mandatory. Feel free to speak up, ask questions, and share lessons from your own lives and faith journeys. This is a safe space. You are encouraged to **follow along in your own bible** – bring your printed copy, use the app, whatever works best for you.*

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**Mark 2 can be read in full here**

## Questions

**1. Mark 2:1-12 - Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man**

The four friends went to extraordinary lengths to bring their friend to Jesus. What does this story teach us about friendship, faith, and how far we are willing to go for someone we care about?

Follow-up: Why do you think Jesus addressed the man's sins before healing his physical condition?

**2. Mark 2:13-17 - Jesus Calls Levi**

Jesus chose to spend time with people that religious leaders looked down on. Why do you think we are sometimes quick to judge people based on their past, reputation, or lifestyle?

Follow-up: What would it look like to treat people the way Jesus did, especially those who are different from us?

**3. Mark 2:18-22 - A New Way of Thinking**

Jesus challenged the way people had always done things. Why do you think it is so difficult for us to change our beliefs, habits, or ways of thinking, even when we are presented with something better?

Follow-up: Is there an area of your life where following Jesus might require you to think or live differently?

**4. Mark 2:23-28 - Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath**

The religious leaders were so focused on following rules that they missed the purpose behind them. Have you ever experienced a situation where following the rules became more important than actually doing what is right?

Follow-up: How can we tell the difference between genuinely following God and simply going through religious motions?

**5. Mark 2 - Looking at the Whole Chapter**

Throughout this chapter, Jesus challenges people's expectations of who God is and how He works. If you had been there watching everything Jesus did, what would have surprised you the most, and why?

Follow-up: After reading Mark 2, what do you think Jesus wants people to understand about Him?

**CLOSING QUESTION:** If someone asked you who Jesus is based only on what you have read in Mark chapters 1 and 2, what would you tell them?

## Closing prayer & prayer requests

Close with a prayer, thanking the Lord for bringing this group of men together, and ask if anyone has a request.

## Next week

Please read Mark 3 during the week and be prepared to talk about it at the next game.