MESSAGE NOTES **11.01.26**
MESSAGE SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF MARK
WEEK 13: MARK 2:18-22 → "EMBRACE JOY"

MARK'S _____ STATEMENT:

"This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God." MARK 1:1, NLT

WHO IS JESUS? _____

- The single most important question of your _____
- Your _____ and God's grace determine the trajectory and the destination of your eternity

[V. 18] "Once when John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, some people came to Jesus and asked, 'Why don't your disciples fast like John's disciples and the Pharisees do?'"

- The primary theme surrounding the practice of fasting was mourning, and especially mourning over sin
- Most likely John the Baptist was in prison and his followers are grieving for their leader

Fasting = a spiritual discipline

- A practice found in the Bible that promotes spiritual growth and helps believers connect with God
- A voluntary abstinence from food, pleasures, or activities; primarily about drawing closer to God; focuses on spiritual growth; meant to humble oneself and seek God's guidance or help in times of need

The Pharisees seek to trap Jesus with a relatively "innocent" question designed to:

- _____ the Jesus movement
- _____ the Jesus movement (cause dissension)
- _____ the Jesus movement

Three "pictures" of the NEW THING Jesus is ushering in

- A new _____ with new rules & right living
- Incomparable and _____ with the old
- Where the Law is written on human _____
- Where the indwelling Spirit _____ righteousness
- Where _____ replaces legalism

[V. 19 – Picture #1] "Jesus replied, 'Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. They can't fast while the groom is with them.'"

- In the Old Testament, God often speaks of His people as _____ _____
- In the New Testament, Jesus is claiming the role of _____
- The bridegroom's presence calls for _____

[V. 20] "'But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.'"

- There is a time for joy and a time for _____
- Fasting would be proper at a _____ time, but joyful celebration should be the normal experience of believers

[V. 21 – Picture #2] "'Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before.'"

- Salvation is not a _____ ____ of one's life
- Salvation is a whole _____ _____

[V. 22 – Picture #3] "'And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins.'"

- Jesus _____ new wine with new life
- Our faith should never _____ back into rigid, joyless religion

THE GOOD NEWS…

- _____ is a quality for citizens of the Kingdom of God
- Jesus is not simply a reformer, He is a _____
- Jesus came to make _____ _____ _____