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- Why do Jesus' disciples not fast as others do (2:18-20)? How does Jesus being the bridegroom affect the place fasting has among his followers?
- In Jesus' short parables (2:21-22), what do the old garment and old wineskins represent? What are the new cloth and new wine? What conclusions does Jesus want us to draw?
- What does Jesus teach about the purpose of the Sabbath?
- Why does Jesus react so strongly to those watching him in the synagogue? How do his opponents respond and why?
- What does Jesus reveal about himself in these episodes? In light of this, how should we respond to Jesus?
- What place do the spiritual disciplines of fasting and Sabbath-keeping have among Jesus' followers today? How have you practiced them? What helps you receive the benefits of the disciplines without becoming legalistic about them?
- How might you incorporate these practices into your life going forward? How will you do this? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *Why is it important that we take time to rest?* Read Mark 2:18-3:6. Briefly describe the practices of fasting and Sabbath-keeping. Ask: *What does Jesus want us to do on the Sabbath? How can our family do this together?*

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