

*ceSERVANT*  
**The Struggle of Success**  
*June 1<sup>st</sup> – Mark 2*

**The Types of People in the Crowds Around Jesus:**

- Seekers
- Servants
- Sideliners/Spectators
- “Suckers”
- Snakes

**1. Disagreement about Forgiveness – 2:1-12**

**QUESTION:** Are you willing to overcome whatever barrier there is in order to introduce people to Jesus so that they can be healed?!

*The biggest obstacle we often have to introducing people to Jesus is....US!!*

- **GOOD QUESTION:** Who but God can forgive sins!?
- **ANSWER:** No one!!
- **THE POINT:** Jesus is God!!

*“Then they all praised God. “We’ve never seen anything like this before!” they exclaimed.”* V. 12b

**2. Disagreement about Fellowship – 2:13-17**

**JESUS’ PRAYER FOR DISCIPLES:**

*“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”* John 17:15 (NIV)

**The Christian life is not to be one of:**

- **Isolation** (*fear-based separatistic protectionism*), nor..
- **Assimilation** (*becoming just like our culture*), but...
- **MISSION** (*impacting the world for Christ*)!!”

*“When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough.”* V. 17

**3. Disagreement about Fasting – 2:18-22**

*“And who would patch an old garment with unshrunk cloth? For the new patch shrinks and pulls away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger hole than before. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. The wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine needs new wineskins.”* Vv. 21-22

**4. Disagreement about Freedom – 2:23-28**

**THE PRINCIPLES:**

*“Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made to benefit people, and not people to benefit the Sabbath. And I, the Son of Man, am master even of the Sabbath!”* vv. 27-28