

DISCOVERY



CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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We Need a Disruption, Emilie Knauss

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Mark 2:6-12, 2:19-22, 2:25-28 (NIV)

QUOTE

"If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?"

- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Our country has experienced severe devastation over the past few weeks. How have you been processing the recent events? Where do you feel most "stuck" right now?
2. In Mark 2, we see that the Pharisees go out of their way to separate themselves from their surrounding community, but Jesus makes himself a part of it. Between these two options, what is your tendency when it comes to being involved in your community?
3. In all three stories we looked at this week, Mark is very focused on the Pharisees' response to Jesus. The Pharisees seem to be very judgmental toward the way Jesus lives, and their questions reflect it. What nerves do you think Jesus hit when he answers their questions?
4. Mark shows Jesus' ability to disrupt comfortable and normal ways of living — both for Levi the tax collector, the paralytic man, and the Pharisees. For some of these people, they let go of their comfort and control to follow Jesus. For others, Jesus became a threat to their way of life. If you allow Jesus to disrupt your life, what might he find that you don't want him to?
5. Emilie shared that the ramifications of our response to the systemic racism crisis in America will either strengthen us or haunt us in the future. What do you think God is asking to disrupt in your life regarding racial inequality? How about in other areas of life?