O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## LOOK

In my jail ministry I have noticed that every Bible study (no matter what the initial topic is), always ends up in a discussion about wanting to be healed and forgiven. Often the inmates are the hardest on themselves.

- 1. Have you ever been judged or misjudged? What was that like?
- 2. Intellectually it is easy to forgive ourselves but emotionally it is much harder. What gets in the way?

## **BOOK** Mark 2:22-3:6

- 1. What are the Pharisees concerned with? Unconcerned with?
- 2. What is Jesus concerned with? Unconcerned with?

## TOOK

Jesus offers healing/restoration/forgiveness/wholeness. He's singularly focused on it despite the Pharisee's attempts to distract him.

- 1. What would it be like if the church was more like a hospital and less like a courtroom?
- 2. What do we need to seek healing for this week? How do you long to be restored?
- 3. What are the unpleasant parts about healing?