



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Mark 2:18–28

Read and Listen to “[\*The Heart of the Roaring Rapids\*](#)”

[\*Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch\*](#)

#### Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions

**1. Jesus teaches that new life cannot be contained within old ways, just as new wine requires new wineskins (Mark 2:22).**

How does the change in the men at the ranch show that they are no longer living the way they once did? What evidence in the cookhouse scene shows that something new has taken root in their hearts?

**2. In Christ, believers are made new and called to live as a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).**

How does Eli’s leadership and concern for the Whitaker family reflect the transformation that has taken place in his life? What does this teach about how a changed heart leads to changed actions?

**3. The Holy Spirit works within believers to produce love, kindness, and generosity.**

How do the men’s quiet willingness to give—without argument or recognition—demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit at work among them? Why is this kind of response different from what might be expected in a group of men who had not been changed by Christ?

**4. Following Jesus means letting go of old patterns of thinking and responding in new ways.**

How is Hank’s reaction in this story different from how he might have responded earlier in his life? What does his willingness to give instead of act in anger reveal about spiritual growth?

**5. God creates a new community among His people, where love and care for others become a shared way of life.**

How does the ranch function like a family in the way the men respond to the Whitakers' need? What does this teach about how living as "new wineskins" affects not just individuals, but entire communities?