



PART 18 • THE TRUTH MEETS THE SABBATH • LUKE 6:1-11

Luke has been building to this climax at the beginning of chapter 6 since the day that Jesus preached his memorable sermon at his home synagogue in Nazareth. Each step of the way He has been drawing a clearer and clearer line in the sand, a line between old, dead religion and the new Kingdom.

MESSAGE RESPONSE

1. Ask the group to debrief for those who missed the sermon on Sunday.
2. What stood out as new or fresh this time through?
3. What questions did these verses raise?
4. What truth could you share with someone else?

GOING DEEPER

- 1) How would you define rest? Is it sleeping in and basically doing nothing all day? What do you do or where do you go when you need rest? What do you need rest from lost?
- 2) Read Exodus 20:8-10— What has been your habit or experience with the kind of rest that God is commanding us to take in this passage? What is the substance of this rest, meaning, what are we being told not to do, as well as what are we commanded to do? When should this day of rest take place ideally? How committed are you to a biblical Sabbath rest? What needs to change for you to enjoy the goodness that God intends for you through a committed Sabbath rest?
- 3) As we learned in the message, when something good like the command to Sabbath rest is passed through the filter of 'religion,' it can become something very painful and burdensome. Have you ever experienced the Sabbath in a way that was less than ideal in your Christian and church life? What were/are some of the examples of how it was more legalistic than life giving?
- 4) Reading the two Sabbath stories in Luke 6:1-11, the story of David and his friends eating the showbread and the story of the man with a withered hand, what does the way Jesus responds say to you about how we should practice Sabbath, in our church gatherings and throughout that day?
- 5) Sunday afternoon we met as a church for our Decision Time announcement. The elders reviewed the Vision 2018 Team's work and the results of our church wide survey and then presented the decision to our church family. For those who were there let's share with those who maybe were not what that decision was. What did you hear and what questions do you still have?
- 6) Let's commit to a time of prayer for our church family, this decision and for our future!

Key Scripture references from this week's message

Luke 4:18-19, 21, 6:1-11, Exodus 20:8-10, Acts 2:42-47, John 8:31-32, 14:6, Matthew 9:13