

Lord of the Sabbath - Luke 6:1-11

Topics: Accusation, Church, Compassion, Habits, Hardheartedness, Healing, Hypocrisy, Legalism, Needs, Traditions

Open It

1. What was Sunday like around your house when you were growing up?
- * 2. What is your idea of a truly restful day?
3. What does the word “Sabbath” mean to you?

Explore It

4. What were the disciples doing that irritated the Pharisees? (6:1-2)
- * 5. What were the disciples accused of doing when they picked the grain? (6:2)
6. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees’ accusation? (6:3-5)
- * 7. What historical example did Jesus use to justify what His disciples were doing on the Sabbath? (6:3-5)
8. What claim did Jesus make about Himself? (6:5)
9. What did Jesus’ identity as Lord of the Sabbath have to do with the disciples eating grain on the Sabbath? (6:5)
10. In what setting did Jesus heal the man with a shriveled hand? (6:6-8)
11. Why were the teachers of the law watching Jesus closely? (6:7)
12. Why were the Pharisees and teachers angry at Jesus? (6:7, 11)
13. What difference did it make that Jesus was being watched? (6:7-10)
- * 14. How did Jesus heal the man’s hand? (6:9-10)
15. What did Jesus ask the crowd? (6:9-10) Why?
16. How did the Pharisees and teachers respond to the miracle Jesus did? (6:11)

Get It

17. How did Luke use these two Sabbath incidents to illustrate the tension that was growing between Jesus and the religious leaders?
18. What harmful “religious” tendencies was Jesus resisting by His actions and words during these incidents?
- * 19. Why did Jesus heal on the Sabbath?
20. In these incidents, whose actions were really “Sabbath-keeping”?
- * 21. Why is it important for us to take time off from work to rest?
- * 22. How well were the Pharisees honoring the Sabbath while they discussed plans to retaliate against Jesus?
23. When is it easiest to apply a spiritual discipline unthinkingly?
24. How can we guard against misapplying spiritual disciplines?

Apply It

- * 25. What could you do to make next Sunday a day of service to God?
26. What spiritual disciplines (such as fasting, prayer, Bible study, or church activities) should you reexamine this week?