

Luke 6:1-11 (May 7, 2023)
“Jesus, Our Sabbath”

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Luke 6:1-11

1. “The Pharisees were not content for the law of God to stand by itself. They added numerous regulations—more than a thousand—regarding what they thought was permitted and forbidden in terms of Sabbath keeping.” (Luke: An Expositional Commentary p. 158 by R.C. Sproul)

What were the disciples doing in the grainfields (Luke 6:1-2)?

Share from Exodus 20:8; Leviticus 23:3, 22; and Deuteronomy 23:25 if you found that Jesus had violated the sabbath nor any other laws? Why do you think the Pharisees were upset?

2. For a second time, Jesus makes the astounding pronouncement that He is the “Son of Man” (Luke 5:24, 6:5). From the following passages discuss what is revealed about Jesus as the Son of Man and share what this means to you:

Psalm 8:4-6

Matthew 26:24

Mark 9:9

Luke 19:10

John 5:26-29

3. After Jesus calls Himself the “Son of Man” he proceeds to further His identity as “Lord of the Sabbath”. When was the Sabbath established and who instituted it (Genesis 2:1-3; John 1:1-3)? What was Jesus telling the Pharisees in Luke 6:5?

4. “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or destroy it?’ The question has an ironic edge, because Jesus is looking at the Sabbath from a relational angle. In fact, the way he pursues the question almost suggests that a failure to act here would be doing evil...Jesus shows that God does not intend us to ignore acting with love and mercy whenever the opportunity to do so exists. Here is the ‘law of love’ at work.”
(The NIV Application Commentary-Luke p. 179, 180 by Darrell L. Bock)

Discuss the relational angle which Jesus demonstrates in Luke 6:6-11 by going out of His way to show the Pharisees that this is how God desires others to be treated. How does this speak to you regarding your view of the Sabbath in terms of a relational aspect with others?

5. “So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his” (Hebrews 4:9-10). Our rest enjoyed on the Sabbath points to our rest and joy in Christ. How have you found rest on the Sabbath and in Jesus, our Sabbath?