

## C. Honor Jesus Christ As LORD.

### 1. Don't take the role of Judge and Jury.

*On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. 7 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath.* Luke 6:6-7

### 2. Don't let your love for your "Systems" Overshadow your love for GOD and others.

*Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.* 1 Peter 1:22

### 3. Learn from both the Boldness and the Compassion of Jesus.

*But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But they were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.* Lucas 6:8-11

### 4. Go to Jesus for Healing and Restoration.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* Luke 4:18-19

### 5. Accept Jesus as LORD over Everything.

*Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."* Luke 6:5

## It's all about Jesus -

### His Authority, His Power, and His Place in your life.

## Systems, Laws, or Jesus?

Luke 6:1-11

### A. Understand The Significance of the Sabbath.

#### 1. It's an opportunity to experience the proper Rhythm of Work and Rest.

*Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy.'" Exodus 31:12-13*

#### 2. The Sabbath is GOD's Gift to us, a Blessing, not a Burden.

*For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.* Exodus 20:11

But this passage is not first of all about the Sabbath.

### B. Understand The Importance of Obedience to GOD's Laws.

#### 1. Jesus does not Minimize The Importance of obedience.

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:17-20

#### 2. Don't let Legalism and Lifeless Religion get in the way of heartfelt service to GOD and others.

*Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."* Luke 6:3-4

*Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"* Luke 6:9

*He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant-- not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.* 2 Corinthians 3:6

But this passage is not first of all about rules and laws.

## **Faith@Home**

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

### **Day One**

Read Genesis 2:2-3 and Exodus 20:8-11

1. What is the significance of the fact that GOD “rested” after creation and that He told us to rest one day out of the week? Why do you think He gave us this pattern?
2. What happens when we fail to observe a “Sabbath” regularly?
3. What can you do to observe the Sabbath more faithfully?

### **Day Two**

Read Luke 6:1-11

1. What do you think Jesus was trying to say by telling the story of David (verses 3 & 4)?
2. How could the leaders be so calloused that they could not celebrate the man’s healing, even if it was done on the Sabbath day?
3. Do you ever let your “systems,” your theology, your view of what church should be like, etc. overshadow your love for GOD and others?

### **Day Three**

Read Luke 6:1-11

1. Jesus could have waited a day or two to heal this man, but instead He deliberately set up a confrontation with the Jewish leaders. Why do you think He did that?
2. List all the things you recognize about Jesus in this passage?
3. What is the message of this passage to you today?

### **Day Four**

Read Matthew 5:17-20

1. The Luke 6 passage could be misunderstood to say that Jesus is throwing aside laws and rules. How does Matthew 5:17-20 make clear that Jesus could not be doing that?
2. What is the message of the passage?
3. What do you think is meant by righteousness that “surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law?”

### **Day Five**

Read 1 Peter 1:22-23

1. It’s easy to fall into legalism and miss the life-giving work of GOD’s Spirit in our own lives and the lives of others? How do you avoid that?
2. How do you live out the truth of 1Peter 1:22-23?
3. How or in what way are you involved in Jesus’ mission?