

Sermon: Lord of the Sabbath.
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 6:1-11.
Date: April 21, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Re-read verse 5. Why is Jesus' claim to be the Lord of the Sabbath also a claim to divinity? See Genesis 2:1-3.

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) In this passage Jesus used the Sabbath to differentiate between religion and the gospel. What are some religious rules or traditions that Christians might make more important than Jesus himself (good things that become ultimate things)?

b) What about for you personally? Are there any religious rules or traditions that make you insecure, selfish, tribal?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Why is true Sabbath rest only available through Christ (read Matthew 11:28-30)? To what degree do you feel true rest in Christ? What might be making you restless rather than restful?

APPLICATION

a) There is no New Testament command to keep the Sabbath (Saturday), but read Hebrews 4:9-11. The author of Hebrews shows us that we HAVE entered rest, and that we STILL enter rest. How does this apply to keeping the Lord's Day (Sunday) as a day of spiritual rest? What habits could you establish in your home that will help you to honor the Lord's Day as a day to "enter into the rest" of Jesus?

PRAYER

- Praise God for the gift of Sabbath rest.
- Confess ways that you put religious rules and traditions above Christ.
- Thank Jesus for finishing the work of salvation for us (It is finished).
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to rest in Christ and enjoy your salvation.