



And that day was the Sabbath

Prayer:

Text: Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Icebreaker: Share with your study group what it means to you and your family to come together each Sunday for corporate worship.

As we go through this lesson it is important not apply the Sabbath Laws given to Israel to Sunday, the Lord's Day. There are no instructions in the New Testament given to the Gentile Church, forbidding work and recreation on either Saturday or Sunday. Acts 15:23-29 Yet the early Church honored this day to the Lord as their weekly day of worship.

1. How did Jesus demonstrate that He is Lord of the Sabbath in John 5:8-9?

2. How did the Jewish religious authorities react to this? John 5:10-12, 15-16

3. What Old Testament Sabbath instructions did the Jews take to extreme and misinterpret? John 5:10; Exodus 20:8-10; Jeremiah 17:21-22 (again the New Testament Church is not to apply God's Sabbath Laws to Sunday)

4. What offense/s did the Pharisees accuse Jesus' disciples of? Mark 2:23-24; Deuteronomy 23:24-25

5. How did Jesus illustrate from Scripture to the Pharisees that human need trumps ceremonial law? Mark 2:25-26; 1 Samuel 21:1-6

6. What profound truth had the Pharisees missed when reading the Sabbath commandment? Mark 2:27; Exodus 20:8-10

7. Why is it important for believers to take a day off, and to meet in corporate worship at least once a week? Exodus 20:9; Hebrews 10:24-25

8. What tremendous claim did Jesus make for Himself? Mark 2:28

9. How did Jesus illustrate that the Sabbath is a day for doing good and for meeting the needs of others? Mark 3:1-5

10. As a child of God what ministries would God want me/us to be involved in on Sundays? Matthew 12:5-8; 1 Peter 2:5

Think About it this week:

*For as we have many members in one body,
but all the members do not have the same function,
so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us,
let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;
or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;
he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality;
he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love,
in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence,
fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*

Romans 12:4-13