

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Luke 6:1-11

Review

- Imagine your house on fire, and everyone is safe. You only have 30 seconds: what 3 or 4 items would you save? Why?
- If you could have a personal assistant following you around every day, what would you have them do?
- If you could perform miracles, what would you do?
- What ONE Christian truth do you struggle to explain? How can this be overcome?

Remind

- What did the disciples do that the Pharisees saw as unlawful (v.1-2)? Were travelers allowed to do this? (See Deut 23:25).
- When replying to the Pharisees, who did Jesus use as an example (v.3-4)? Summarise the event. (See 1 Sam 21:3-6).
- What title does Jesus use to declare his authority over this divine institution (v.5)? How does this relate to Ex 20:8-11?
- Which hand was shriveled that Jesus healed (v.6)? What does this hand usually signify? See Ps 17:7 and Ps 44:3.
- Who were watching Jesus closely (v.7)? Why?
- What question did Jesus ask (v.9)? What TWO answers could they give in response?
- How did those looking on respond to Jesus' healing (v.11)?

Respond

- What is significant about God resting on the seventh day for our understanding of Sabbath rest?
- "*Human need must not be subjected to barren legalism.*" Do you agree/disagree? Why/why not?
- Do you find submitting to a '*Sabbath rhythm of rest*' difficult? What positive steps can you take to improve this situation?
- You could end by reading together Luke 6:5

Luke 6:1-11 (NIVUK)

Jesus questioned about fasting

¹ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and his disciples began to pick some ears of corn, rub them in their hands and eat the grain. ² Some of the Pharisees asked, 'Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?'

³ Jesus answered them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ 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.' ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.'

⁶ On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shrivelled. 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. ⁸ But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shrivelled hand, 'Get up and stand in front of everyone.' So he got up and stood there.

⁹ 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?'

¹⁰ He looked round at them all, and then said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was completely restored.

¹¹ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.