

Expressing our Faith: A Study of the Gospel According to Luke

Luke 6:1-11

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1. Read Luke 6:1-11. Look back at the last part of chapter 5 to remind yourself of the context for this passage – Jesus has begun to experience opposition from the religious authorities. What are some ways that we might see opposition – whether from people within the church, or from “religious authorities” – in the Church of today?
2. The Sabbath observance was obviously a very important matter for Jewish people of Jesus’ day. Can you understand why the religious leaders would be upset with what appeared to be Jesus’ disregard of their Sabbath practices? How would we react if someone came into our church and started saying that one of our most cherished practices was unnecessary, or that we had completely misunderstood what it was all about?
3. How do you observe a Sabbath in your life? We talked about the importance of that “day of rest” – not so much what day it is, but how we treat it. In other words, how do you “remember the Sabbath day”?
4. What things can you think of that people do, or used to do, in our day and age that would be ways of explaining or “fleshing out” what it means to “remember the Sabbath day”?
5. How does Jesus’ response to the two challenges to his Sabbath practices help us to understand better what it means to remember the Sabbath? In the broader sense, how does Jesus’ response help us to better understand what it means to be followers of Jesus?