

Cultivate Gospel of Luke Study

Lesson Twelve

Read and meditate on Luke Chapter 6 this week
and prayerfully answer the following questions before Tuesday's class.

Verses 1-11

Why would such a simple act by the disciples infuriate the Jewish leaders?

David Guzik- "The problem was with *the day* on which they did it. The Rabbis made an elaborate list of "do" and "don't" items relevant to the Sabbath and this violated one of the items on this list. When the disciples did what they did, in the eyes of the religious leaders they were guilty of *reaping, threshing, winnowing, and preparing* food. There were therefore four violations of the Sabbath in one mouthful."

Read what Jesus was referring to regarding David in 1Samuel 21:1-6.

David Guzik notes, "**So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread:** In giving David the bread, Ahimelech broke with priestly custom but not with God's word. He rightly understood that human need was more important than Levitical observance.

ii. The point with Ahimelech and Jesus is powerful: human traditions are never more important than God's word itself. If God had said, "*Only* the priests can eat this bread," it would have been different. But God never said that. To put the *only* in there seemed logical, but it was adding to God's word. We must never elevate our *extension* or *application* of God's word to the same level as God's word itself."

Wiersbe- "The word Sabbath means "rest" and is linked with God's cessation of work after the six days of creation (Gen. 2:2-3). Some of the rabbis taught that Messiah could not come until Israel had perfectly kept the Sabbath, so obeying this law was very important both personally and nationally...

We are not saved from sin by faith in Christ plus keeping the Sabbath. We are saved by faith in Christ alone."

1. Is it tempting to think that your "works" for the Lord are what keeps you in His Grace? What are some things or works that people may believe are "necessary" to *add* to Jesus' death on the cross for our sin?

2. What Scripture can help us keep a right perspective and not fall in to legalism, or thinking that any of our works save us?

Notice in Luke 6:8 that Jesus knew what they were thinking. And yet, He continued to do the Father's work. He did not let man's opinion get in the way of being obedient.

3. Are your actions ever influenced by the opinions of women rather than God? Are you a "people pleaser"?

Read Galatians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:4, and Acts 5:29. What stood out to you?

Read Luke 6:11

Even though the Scribes and Pharisees witnessed the miracle of the healed hand, instead of celebrating, they were enraged that Jesus was not conforming to their idea of what the Sabbath was about.

4. What does 1 Chronicles 16:10 say?

Read Verses 12-19

Jesus gives us the perfect example of relying on God when we have decisions to make. He went to the Father in prayer. It must have been quite the task to choose the twelve Apostles.

5. What is the difference between Apostles and disciples?

6. Imagine Jesus prayerfully choosing Judas, “who became the traitor”. Did Jesus a mistake? Explain.

7. What is the significance of Him choosing twelve?

The Beatitudes

8. What is the definition of “Blessed”?

Wiersbe- “The Lord explained in this sermon that the truly blessed life comes not from *getting*, or from *doing*, but from *being*. The emphasis is on Godlike character.”

9. Instead of studying each of the many truths in this passage, we ask that you spend time reading and anticipating hearing from the Holy Spirit. We serve a personal, loving God and He wants to teach each of us as individuals.

Reading Verses 20-38, how is the Lord speaking to you, personally? What areas in your life is He offering comfort? What areas is He giving you a warning? What changes does He want you to make in your relationships and your attitudes?

What other verses can you find in Scripture that will also help you in these specific areas of your life?

