



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 12:1-14” on October 18<sup>th</sup>

### CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 11:25-30 affect your week?

### DISCOVER: MATTHEW 11:1-24

What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?

Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)? Matthew 12

There has been opposition to Jesus and what he is doing, but in Matthew 12 that opposition comes out into the open. The religious leaders or Pharisees get a little more aggressive in their opposition of Jesus. It centers about the Sabbath and God created the Sabbath for people to rest. Jesus answers the religious leader’s opposition by speaking to the heart behind the Sabbath. The heart of the law is to serve people and not for people to serve the law.

- Do you think our culture struggles with Sabbath? Why or why not?
- Why would it be important to have a time or moment of Sabbath in our lives?
- Do you have a “Sabbath” time in your life? What does it look like?

Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 when he says, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”

- What does it mean to show mercy?
- How do we show mercy to people in our lives?
- How have you received mercy in your life?

### RESPOND

What is one thing you learned about yourself from God’s Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

### PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

### KEEP READING

Exodus 20:8-10 where God gives the law of the Sabbath in the ten commandments; Philippians 4:4-9 where Paul talks about the peace of Christ or rest; Mark 2:23-27 where Mark records Jesus talking about the Sabbath.