

Matthew 12:1-21

How do you experience life under the authority of Jesus?

- I. Authority that brings condemnation
 - A. Instruments of condemnation (v. 1-14; 1 Sam. 21:1-6; Num. 28:9-10)
 - B. Signs of condemnation
- II. Authority that brings flourishing
 - A. Marks of Jesus' authority (v. 15-21)
 - B. Signs of conviction

Application Guide:

1. How have you experienced condemnation under the authority of something or someone other than Jesus? How has something good from God been used as an instrument to bring condemnation on you?
2. How does the distinction between condemnation and conviction help you discern whether you are functionally living under the authority of Jesus?
3. How do the marks of Jesus' authority challenge and shape the way you use your authority? Do those people under your authority experience condemnation or flourishing?