



Luke 6:1-11 - Bible study for the week beginning February 21, 2021

PRAY & SHARE

This past week was Ash Wednesday. Share with one another your experiences of Ash Wednesday and Lent from your past. Are you doing anything specific during this Lenten season to experience proper asceticism (hearing the message on this one will have helped considerably LOL)

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

READ LUKE 6:1-5

Now read Deuteronomy 23:25

According to these two sections, was it illegal for the disciples to do what they did? Then why do the Pharisees claim “it is not lawful”?

By Jesus’ day the religious authorities had created more than 2,000 rules in their attempt to define what could and could not be done on the Sabbath in order not to break the 4th Commandment. Rather than being simple guidelines or suggestions, these were eventually given the full force of the Law as if they were mandated from God instead of created by man. Jesus refers to these as “traditions”

Why do you suppose Jesus answered them in this way? Why doesn’t He just quote the Law and be done with it? Why did He instead reference another Jewish history moment?

Jesus is again trying to get them to properly apply God’s Word, not align with it legalistically. What is the two-fold first and great commandment? Never is it Love God without loving your fellow man and vice versa. Either misses God’s plan for His people.

Read Psalm 119 looking for the various categories of God’s Word. (there are 8)

When something was not specifically spelled out in God’s Word they were to apply the law with a principle, not make up more laws. Sadly, many people slip into the legalism that Pastor shared and the first casualty is almost always personal relationships.

The much bigger point is Jesus’ statement: “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath”.

Here in the US we say, “no one is above the law”. But Jewish interpretation of the Law grants that He who has made the Law can amend or “break” Law as He desires. One example that is used is the destruction of Jericho. You cannot march around the city for seven consecutive days without violating the Sabbath, yet God commanded it, so no law was broken. Jesus is actually making a very powerful statement here about His place in the Godhead. As the Son of Man He made the law regarding the Sabbath, so He can rightfully work around it without breaking the law.

Read Luke 6: 6-11

Pastor points out a problem right from the start for these visitors from out of town. What was it?

These leaders certainly did not have a PR consultants. Consider the optics of being a stumbling block to the healing of this man? And yet, already, their hatred for Jesus surpassed compassion and common sense.

As we heard this weekend, the Pharisees often placed their cultural teachings and man-made rules on equal footing with the teachings of the Bible. Jesus responded to this practice in Mark 7:1-13. Read it and then answer the questions below.

What does he say are some of the results of elevating tradition and manmade rules to the level of the Bible?

As you look at your own life, are there any areas where you've allowed some tradition or man-made rule to have as much authority as the Bible?

Remember, it's okay to have "personal" rules for how you live (I'm not going to drink – I will always exercise – I will not do laundry on Sunday – etc.), but we need to be careful not to expect others to live by those same "personal" rules. Read Romans 14:1-23 and note Paul's guidance for working through the kinds of issues that often divide Christians.

Identify each of the controversial issues that the Roman church was dealing with and their impact on the church.

Identify the remedies Paul gives to work through the issues so unity can be restored.

If you have ever seen or found yourself in a similar situation, what did you find helpful in the way it was handled? What did you wish would have happened differently based on this passage?

As a result of this week's teaching and study, are there any issues you tend to see "black and white" that you may need to allow more room to "agree to disagree" with others?

Is there anyone with whom you need to make some amends regarding a past attitude you've had toward them?



Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath - Luke 5:33-6:11
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Heart – stompin’

Pharisees ascetics & LEGALISTS

Jesus BREAK & REDIRECT

Jesus not defiant against God’s law
Jesus challenging MAN’S law

The four illustrations:

Don’t fast at a wedding celebration

New patch on an old garment

New wine into old wineskins

Old wine not the new (old not better, but used to it)

Fasting is COMMENDED / not commanded

MOTIVATION is central

Jesus stomps when you have:

- a) A “know it all” spirit
- b) Selfish spirit
- c) Pride problem
problems make you a TARGET, not an outsider

How will you RESPOND when Jesus stomps?

Knowing the BRIDEGROOM changes everything