

Sermon Guide



“Lord of the Sabbath” April 24, 2022

“At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath...”

Matthew 12:1-21

In this Sunday's teaching, Greg spoke of Jesus being Lord of the Sabbath and how He is the truer and better Sabbath.

- 1. When Jesus addressed the Sabbath in this passage, he came against a Jewish identity.** Reflect on where your identity is rooted and how Jesus might be actively addressing you in that place.
- 2. When responding to the Pharisees, Jesus' response drew from the Torah (the Law), the Nevi'im (Prophets), and the Ketuvim (Writings), or the "TaNaK."** God uses the Word in ways different from what we expect. How is He using Scripture in unexpected ways in your life right now?
- 3. Greg spoke of the gift of a multigenerational congregation. He contrasted the Gen X/Boomer perspective on faith with Millennials/Gen Z.** The call to Gen X and Boomers is to remember the mercy they've received and extend it to others with gentleness and clarity. The call to Millennials and Gen Z is to remember the witness and commands of God's holiness and the need for repentance. For both groups: Is there an attitude you've had or a posture you've taken that you need to repent from, or a place where you need to renew your commitment to mercy?
- 4. We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus.** As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to? Is it a deeper dependence on Christ Jesus? A way you're being prompted to receive Him as your rest? Or, a prompting to actively extend hope amid cultural cynicism?