

Luke: Room For More (Feb. 28 to March 21)

It seems like more and more we find ourselves running out of room. We're so busy we can't make room in our schedules. We're so distracted we can't make room for relationships. We're so divided we can't make room for differences. But, for those who are lonely, those who are exhausted, and those who feel like they never belong, there's good news — Jesus always has room for more.

Group Discussion

Scripture: Luke 6:1-11, Matthew 11:28-30

Getting started: What is the most restorative thing you do, that you enjoy doing the most?

Have someone read Luke 6:1-5 and someone else read Luke 6:6-11.

- 1. Why are the Pharisees so upset with Jesus? How had they turned something that was supposed to be a gift into a burden? When has legalism taken something you enjoyed and killed the joy in it?
- 2. What point is Jesus trying to make as He responds to the Pharisees in verses 3-4 and 9? Is He nullifying the Sabbath altogether?
- 3. People are more important than rules. Where have you seen people or organizations get this backwards and place rules, regulations, or traditions above people? When have you gotten this backwards?
- 4. Making any change is often met with opposition. When have you made changes that were met with opposition? When have you been then one apposed to change? What changes might be necessary for you to draw yourself and others closer to God?

5. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus is the way, not religious rules. When has religion been a burden on you? How has Jesus removed that burden? Are you carrying any unnecessary weight now that you need to hand over to Jesus?

Next Steps

The only commands of Jesus in the New Testament are to love God with everything we have and to love others. How might observing a Sabbath help you obey those commands without being a burden on your life?



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