



Letters to a Legalist

JESUS & THE PHARISEES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // Luke 6:1-11

1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
2. There are some things in the OT we need to know to understand this text. Read 1 Samuel 21:1-10 & Exodus 20:8-11. What questions did you have about David's story and laws over the Sabbath?
3. Sometimes people with the right motives end up doing the wrong thing. This was certainly true with the Pharisees. Do you see any way that Christians do a similar thing today? How so?
4. Pastor Wes mentioned a few ways that we can accidentally become like the Pharisees Jesus rebuked. Which of those ways most stood out to you and why?
5. Pharisees often placed their cultural teachings and man-made rules on equal footing with the teachings of the Bible. Read Mark 7:1-13. What does Jesus say results from this kind of thinking? Where/how have we done this today?
6. It's okay to have "personal" guardrails in your life. The problem comes when you enforce your guardrails on everyone else. Read Romans 14:1-23. What controversial issues were the Roman Christians facing? What was Paul's solution? What are the controversial issues of OUR day? What would Paul say to them? Looking back, what are some things you wish you would've handled differently?
7. As a result of today's teaching, are there any issues you tend to see as "black and white" that you may need to see as "agree to disagree?" Is there anyone with whom you need to make amends as a result of that past attitude?
8. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?