

Response Questions  
Nov. 12, 2023 | Mark 2:23-3:6

**Mark 2:23-28**

1. What accusation do the Pharisees bring against Jesus' disciples?
2. Were they accurate in saying that the disciples were breaking the Sabbath?
3. In his response to the Pharisees, what did Jesus mean when He said, "Have you never read...?"
4. How does the scene from David's life in vv. 25–26 support the Sabbath principle in v. 27?
5. In Jesus' reference to David, was he right in taking the food from the house of God for his hungry men?
6. Why do you think Jesus uses the example of David here? What is His point?
7. What principle does Jesus bring forward in v. 27, and what does it mean?
8. What can we conclude about the purpose of the Sabbath from this passage?

**Mark 3:1-6**

7. What were the Pharisees doing when Jesus first entered the synagogue?
8. How is their motivation connected to the previous passage?
9. What do we learn from this passage about the character and hearts of the Pharisees?
10. What do we learn about Jesus' character?
11. From v. 4, what can we learn about God's intention for the Sabbath?
12. What is the difference between God's intention for the Sabbath and how Pharisees viewed it?
13. Is there any lesson in this text for us today? What application can we make from this passage?
14. What is the Pharisees' response to the healing? How would this impact Jesus in the future?