

#### Luke 6:

6 On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. 7 The scribes and the Pharisees were watching Him closely to see if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find reason to accuse Him. 8 But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and



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come forward!" And he got up and came forward. 9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?" 10 After looking around at them all, He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was restored. 11 But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

# Jesus and Synagogue

- Word fulfilled in hearing in Nazareth
- Demonized visitor set free in Capernaum
- Signs of the Kingdom of God!
- Procus on the "I AM" of God's Promise
- · logos made flesh

## Jesus Taught

- Jesus goes back to Synagogue, AGAIN!
- Teaching still... focus on the word
- \* A meeting with challenges!
  - -We tend to see difficulties as "bad" things
  - -What if they are opportunities instead?

#### Jesus Sees

- A man with a hand that 'was' withered
  - -It had become useless, not born that way
  - -Loss of livelihood, forced to beg
  - -He was also in the meeting!
- Some come in HOPE to our gatherings...

### Jesus Observed

- Scribes and Pharisees
  - -"watching Him closely"
  - -Healing on the Sabbath (cornfield vv. 1-5)
  - -Reason to accuse
  - -Hardened hearts

## Jesus Apart

- During all this, Jesus is sharing truth
- He also knows their thoughts
  - -Wasn't hard to know
  - -Jesus knew their lifestyles, thinking
  - -And Jesus calls the man to stand!

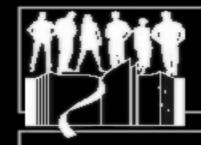
### Choices

- The man had already felt enough
  - -Shame, condemnation, loss, grief
  - -Now he is called to stand in the midst
  - -Center stage in need...
  - -This is an act of faith, reputation in His Hand

## One thing...

- Is it lawful to do good or evil? Save/destroy
- They had NO ANSWER!

Lk 14:5 And He said to them, "Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"



#### Hard hearts

Mark 3:4 And He \*said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent. 5 After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He \*said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

### Jesus Commands

- "Stretch out your hand"
- As he does it, full health is restored
- Acknowledging the need and meeting it
- And the wholeness... celebrated?
- Burn with rage! Plans for destruction