



## 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!
- Focus 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**