

Oaklands Chapel – Assignment – Sunday, March 15 2009

Luke 6:1-11 "*Re-thinking Sabbath*"

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1. Read Exodus 20:8. What is your understanding of the heart and central purpose of the Sabbath command here? In what event is it rooted?
2. From your knowledge of the practice of the Jews at the time of Jesus, how had they 'embellished' the simple command to keep the Sabbath holy? Give any examples you may be familiar with.
3. Read Luke 6:1-5. Talk about why you think Jesus uses the example of David eating consecrated bread to make His point here? What is Jesus' main point to the Pharisees?
4. In Mark's account of the same story, Jesus uses a phrase, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." Talk about what this means and how it relates to Jesus being the Lord of the Sabbath.
5. Compare Luke 6:6-11 and Mark 3:1-6. What differences do you observe? What was it that made Jesus so upset about the way in which the Pharisees viewed the Sabbath?
6. Are there instances you can think of where we might be guilty of holding up the keeping of traditions over meeting the needs of people?
7. How should we view Sabbath in our context today? Are we guilty of not capturing the true meaning of Sabbath in our lifestyle?