



The Sabbath Controversy

February 3, 2013

Matthew 12:1-14

Exodus 20:8-11

Matthew 12:1-2

Luke 18:9-12

Proverbs 30:5-6

Colossians 2:20-23

Matthew 12:3-5

Matthew 12:6-8

Micah 6:8

1. The Sabbath was a \_\_\_\_\_ ,

not an \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Pharisees turned God's \_\_\_\_\_

into an \_\_\_\_\_.

2.1 They built extra spiritual

\_\_\_\_\_ – lots of them!

2.2 They were \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3. At times, we become \_\_\_\_\_

3.1 God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ or

\_\_\_\_\_ our help!

3.2 They don't do any \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Jesus' answer to the Pharisees?

\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_!

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Matthew 12:1-14

Please remember to bring your Bible and this sheet with you!

Warm up Question

Who in your family was (or is) always checking up on you to see if you are “doing it right”?

Into the Text

Regarding the Sabbath, what was the point about David? (See 1 Samuel 21:1-6) What was the point regarding the priests? (See verse 5)

How had the Pharisees neglected the meaning of “I desire mercy, not sacrifice”? (Hosea 6:6)

Jesus did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it. With that in mind, what did Jesus mean when he called himself the Lord of the Sabbath?

How is the Pharisees question in verse 10 a trap for Jesus? How does Jesus show that he is the ultimate authority when it comes to the law?

The Pharisee were greatly disturbed by the disciples and Jesus “breaking” a man made law. What then, is ironic about verse 14?

God's Word for my Everyday Life

As you look at your own life, are there any areas where you've allowed some tradition or man-made rule to have as much authority as the Bible?

Have you seen religious rules or institutions hurt people? What causes that?

When have you fallen into the trap of “offering sacrifice” but “neglecting mercy”? How can you work to reverse that this week?

Read Colossians 2:16. What is the role of the Third Commandment in your life today?

God's intent for the Sabbath was our rest. Complete the following sentence: I find physical/mental/emotional/spiritual rest when I

\_\_\_\_\_.