

## “The Lord of the Sabbath”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leader:</b> Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Getting to Know You</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What sort of “Sabbath rules” did you grow up with? (Were you expected to go to church on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday night? What about Sunday school?)</li> <li>• What was your “Sabbath dress code” like?</li> <li>• What other “Sabbath expectations” did you grow up with? (Were you allowed to do any work on Sundays? Play outside? How were these rules explained to you?)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew 12:1-14</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What similarities do you see in Matthew’s account?</li> <li>• What differences?</li> </ul> <p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark 2:23-3:6</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What similarities do you see in Mark’s account?</li> <li>• What differences?</li> <li>• What similar message do all three accounts convey?</li> </ul>
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 6:1-11</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What surprised you about Jesus’ actions in these passages?</li> <li>• What surprised you about Jesus’ words in these passages?</li> <li>• What is it significant about the fact that Jesus calls Himself “the Lord of the Sabbath”? (While this was new information to the Pharisees, why has this always been true about Jesus?)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there still church traditions (i.e. man-made rules) that keep people away from Jesus? What are they? Are any present in our church? If so, what can we do to change that?</li> <li>• How can we make sure that no matter what side of the political aisle we fall on, that we always treat people with compassion?</li> <li>• How can we, as a church, become even more compassionate to those in our community? How can our Small Group lead the way?</li> </ul> <p><b>Memorize:</b> Hosea 6:6 (Mercy over Ritual)</p>