



Title | Rules Rage
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 6:1-11
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Sermon Notes

Luke 6:1 On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. 2 But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?” 3 And Jesus answered them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?” 5 And he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.” 6 On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. 8 But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” And he rose and stood there. 9 And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?” 10 And 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 were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. ESV

Big Idea:

Luke 6:9 And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?” ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 6:1-5. What is the contention of the Pharisees? Does it have merit? Why or why not? How does Jesus respond to them? What is his primary point?

Tuesday:

Read Luke 6:6-11. What are the Pharisees hoping to do? Why? How does Jesus respond? What is the point of Jesus' question in Luke 6:9? How does it contrast what Jesus wants versus what the Pharisees want?

Wednesday

Reread Luke 6:1-11. In what ways is the legalism of the Pharisees lethal?

Thursday:

Reread Luke 6:1-11. Was it wrong for the Pharisees to want to keep the Sabbath? Is Jesus in favor of disobeying scriptural commands? How do you reconcile your answers with the stories in Luke 6:1-11? Are we obligated to keep the Sabbath today? Why or why not?

Friday:

How do you know if legalism is beginning to creep into your thinking? To what extent do you reflect a judgmental attitude, a performance-based spirituality, or a loss of joy in Christ? How do you deal with these things?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, guard me from legalism. Help me to focus on your life-giving grace that frees me to love others instead of judging them. Amen.

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