



Series: Questions Jesus Asked

Passage: Matthew 12:1-14 and 24:1-2

Title: Questions Jesus Asked, Part 9

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Discussion Starter – What do you think was Jesus’ main point to you about purpose and true meaning of keeping the Sabbath in this story?

Read Matthew 12:1-14

- 1) According to Exodus 20:8-11, what was the purpose God had in mind for creating a Sabbath Day Law? How do you think the 39 man-made categories came about in the Jewish culture?
- 2) Describe in your own words what you would consider to be vain religion? Why do you think we are often prone to falling into vain religion?
- 3) What is the significance of Jesus bringing up the time that David ate the showbread that was only lawful for the priests to eat?
- 4) What is the true motivation of the Pharisees who were confronting Jesus and His disciples?
- 5) How did the priests profane the Sabbath?
- 6) How does the law of the Sabbath apply to us as Christians today?
- 7) Jesus gives the Pharisees two biblical examples of the Sabbath not being observed where the people were still considered blameless. Explain the principle message Jesus conveys to them and to us in verses 6-8.
- 8) What enables us to love others, and how is this contrasted by the religious leaders who were seemingly keeping so busy working to be righteous?
- 9) Read Romans 13:8-10. If loving one another fulfills the Law of God concerning our relationships with people... Are God’s laws still needed? Why or why not?
 - a. What are some of the traditions and laws we try to keep that can get in the way of us seeing Jesus, and His desire for us to show mercy and love for others?

Read Matthew 24:1-2

- 10) How important do you think this temple was to the Jewish people? Who built it? What was its purpose? What was it missing? Read John 4:19-24. Discuss insights gained from this passage.
- 11) What message was Jesus imparting to His disciples in this passage as He foretells of the temple’s destruction? What does this tell us about His Kingdom?
 - b. Building people is a core value in the Kingdom of God. What are some of the things God is personally showing you that He wants you to grow in the area of building people? How can you ask God to help you grow in this area?