

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 30, 2008

Passage: Luke 6:1-19

Memory Passage: Romans 10:4

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 6:1-5.** What did Jesus' disciples do that offended the Pharisees? Read Exodus 16:14-30. What principle was God teaching the Israelites about His Sabbath (Proverbs 3:9-10)? How is this a "faith" principle?
- (b) Read Exodus 31:12-18. *For Whom* is the Sabbath a sign for forever (Leviticus 16:31-34)?
- (c) What does the New Testament say about keeping the Sabbath (Colossians 2:16-17; Colossians 2:20-23; Romans 14:5-9)?
- (d) What is the relationship of believers to the law (Romans 10:4; Romans 6:14-15; Romans 7:1-6; Galatians 3:10; Galatians 5:18)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 6:1-5 and Romans 14:5-9. What is the Sabbath? Was it kept by the early Christians in the same way that the Jews kept the Sabbath laws? Why? What should be our attitude toward honoring God and setting aside a day to worship Him? Pray for your weekly gathering of believers that you might honor the Lord whenever you gather.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 6:1-5.** What example did Jesus use to show the Pharisees that they were wrong in their rigid application of the Sabbath laws (1 Samuel 21:1-6)?
- (b) Read Matthew 12:6-8. What does Jesus remind the Pharisees of in Matthew 12:7? What does this tell us about God's priority for our lives (Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42)?
- (c) What is *pure religion* (James 1:27)? What would be a *proper keeping* of the Sabbath (Isaiah 58:10-14)?
- (d) Read Mark 7:1-13. How did the disciples offend the Pharisees in this passage? What did Jesus say the Pharisees were doing to the Word of God? Do we allow our traditions to take priority over God's Word? Give some examples.
- (e) In Matthew 12:6 and 8 and Luke 6:5, what does Jesus say about himself? What does this also tell us about who/what we should follow as believers (1 Corinthians 9:21)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 6:1-5 and Matthew 12:6-8. What does God desire from us? What is the difference between following Jesus and following the law? Pray that your desire would be to follow Jesus with all your heart.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 6:6-11.** What situation did Jesus confront in this passage? Was this healing a necessity (life and death situation)? Was the man asking to be healed? Why did Jesus heal the man?
- (b) Read Luke 13:10-17. What situation did Jesus confront in this passage? Why did the ruler of the synagogue object? How did Jesus respond to him? How did all the people respond?
- (c) What important question did Jesus ask related to the Sabbath? What does he indicate is one of the reasons for the Sabbath? To what did Jesus compare this healing in Matthew 12:12-13?
- (d) Read John 7:16-24. What were the Jews seeking to do to Jesus because of his Sabbath healings? What comparison did he give to them? How can a person really keep the commandments (Romans 13:9)? What did Jesus tell his disciples in John 13:34-35?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 6:6-11 and John 13:34-35. What should we seek to use our time to do? What did Jesus even say that the purpose of the Sabbath was? Ask God to show you someone you can minister to today.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Acts 15:1-29.** What were the concerns of the apostles about the Gentiles? Did they require them to keep the law? Did they require them to keep the Sabbath?
- (b) Read Romans 6:14-19. What did Paul say believers were not under? Did this mean they could sin and ignore God's Word (Romans 6:15; Romans 6:1-2; Romans 7:6)? What illustration did Paul use to describe the relationship of the believer to the law in Romans 7:1-4?
- (c) Read 2 Corinthians 3:6-13. What does Paul say about the differences between the Old and New Covenants? What does the Old do (Romans 7:7-11)? What was happening to the old (2 Corinthians 3:7-11; Hebrews 8:13)?
- (d) What did Jesus say was his relationship to the law in Matthew 5:17-18? How much of the law did Jesus fulfill for us in his death and resurrection? Did he fulfill all or just part of it?
- (e) *Family:* Read 2 Corinthians 3:6-13 and talk about the differences between the Old and New Covenants. Spend some time thanking God for what He has given us in the New Covenant.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 6:12-19.** What is the value of the law for believers? What does Paul tell us about all scripture in 1 Timothy 3:16-17? How does Paul describe the law in Romans 7:12, 14, 22? What does he say about the law in 1 Timothy 1:8?
- (b) Is being under the law of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:21) rather than the OT law a license to sin (Romans 6:1-2)?
- (c) Does the law have any value for believers (Galatians 3:23; James 1:21-25; 1 Timothy 1:8-9)? Summarize what you learned concerning the believer and the law.
- (d) What did Jesus do after this incident? What does this show us about his priority and his power (John 5:19)?
- (e) How is prayer an essential element for knowing God's direction for your life every day?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 6:12-19. Why did Jesus spend so much time in prayer before choosing his disciples? What does this tell you about the importance of prayer? Spend time praying together about some important decisions and needs facing your family.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 6:1-19. What area of the law did Jesus offend the Pharisees? What is God's greatest concern for you as a believer? What does it mean to be "not under the law but under Christ?" What is the value of the law for believers today? Pray for your church that those who gather will come ready to honor the Lord by their worship and by their obedience to Christ.

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Lord of the Sabbath

"The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."