

Lord of the Sabbath
Luke 6:1-11
LG Questions for 11/01/09

Getting Started

Who are the modern day icons that represent rebellion in our culture? Are any of them rebelling for right reasons? Of those you've mentioned...who do you relate to and why?

Getting Into the Bible

- 1) Read **Exodus 20:8-11**. What does this text say about the importance of Sabbath? The Greek word for Sabbath is '*Sabbaton*' meaning: *a day of weekly repose from secular avocations*. What are some ways you break away from 'secular activities' on the Sabbath?
- 2) Read **Luke 6:1-5** (See also **Matthew 12:1-8**) What did the Pharisees accuse the disciples of when they picked the heads of grain? How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees accusation? In what ways was Jesus rebelling against the religious system of his day? Was he justified in his rebellion? Why?
- 3) Read **Luke 6:6-11** (See also **Mark 3:1-6**). How did Jesus heal this man's hand? Did the religious leaders want this man's hand healed? Why or why not? What did Jesus ask the people in **Luke 6:9**? Why did he ask them that question?
- 4) What was the basis of the religious leaders' accusation? (See **Exodus 20:8-11**) What harmful 'religious' tendencies was Jesus resisting by his choice to heal this man? Read **Luke 6:5** what is the foundation Jesus is attempting to establish by his actions?

Discussion:

Think about church in modern day America. In what ways have we as a church acquired cultural expectations of each other that are not necessarily from Jesus? In what ways can we improve to be more like Christ with these expectations?