

### Following the Law and Missing the Point

1. The disciples \_\_\_\_\_ on the Sabbath.
  - a. They did what the Pharisees considered \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Jesus questioned the Pharisees understanding of \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that He is the \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Jesus healed a man's withered hand on the Sabbath.
  - a. He did what the Pharisees considered \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. He questioned their understanding of \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that He is the \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Make it Real**

Because of what Jesus has done for me and what I have heard today,

- I will confess my sin, turn from it, and trust Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath, to forgive me, make me acceptable to the Father, and give me new life.
- I will be gracious and humble in my response to those who have truly sought to follow God's law but missed the point and drifted into legalism.
- I will rest in the finished work of the Lord of the Sabbath and keep my eyes on Him and His purposes as I follow Him and serve others.

### Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
4. What is a question you have?
5. What can you share with someone? Who can you share it with?

### Discussion questions from the message.

1. What are some rules that believers have put in place for good reasons but ended up missing the point and creating a legalistic church culture?  
  
*What impact do these have on different individuals? On the work of the gospel?*
2. What was the motive behind the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment? Compare Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15. What do the two motives have in common?
3. What point is Jesus making by bringing up the situation about David, his men, and the bread of the Presence?
4. What does it mean that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath?
5. What did the Pharisees miss in their zeal to keep the law and accuse Jesus regarding the man with the withered hand?
6. What was Jesus' response to the Pharisees in 3:5? What do these emotions tell us about Jesus?
7. How would you respond to someone who says you must keep the Sabbath and not do any work on Sundays? See Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 4:8-10