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## How does Christ view the Sabbath?

### Principle one:

Christ views the Sabbath as a day to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:1-5

### Application one:

\_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath begins by  
\_\_\_\_\_ God. cf. Exodus 20:8-11

### Principle two:

Christ views the Sabbath as a day to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:6-9

### Application two:

\_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath happens by  
\_\_\_\_\_ kindness. cf. Isaiah 58:13-14

## TAKE HOME TRUTH

You know you are doing it \_\_\_\_\_  
when you do what is \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:10-11

### To keep the Sabbath...

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ that God is worthy.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ your day on what will please God.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ a portion to getting some rest.

### Today's Core Practice:

Worship: "I worship God for who He is  
and what He has done for me."  
(from Psalm 95:1-7)



## Deeper Connection Study

Two Sabbath controversies highlight the increased tension between the religious leaders and Jesus regarding God's kingdom agenda. Jesus and the 12 are being watched closely and challenged at every turn.

Once again, Jesus' words and actions reveal a new way God is working in the midst of old ways.

*Today's Core Belief discussed: Worship*

### Read Luke 5:33-39 [par. Matt. 12:1-14; Mark 2:23-3:6]

1. What is the point of keeping Sabbath (Ex. 20:8; Deut. 5:12)? Why is it important to God and how do the Pharisees make it legalistic and burdensome (cf. Ex. 31:14; Jer. 17:21-25)?
2. How does Jesus citing David's actions pose a dilemma for the Pharisees (vv. 1-5; cf. 1 Sam. 21:1-7)? How does this section relate to the previous one (5:33-39)?
3. What does Jesus mean by saying, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath" (v. 5)? How is this highlighted in another Sabbath (vv. 6-11)?
4. What prompts Jesus' question and action (vv. 6-11)? How is it a test? Why do the religious leaders react so strongly to Jesus' miracle?
5. How do these two Sabbath controversies reveal the tension between adhering to religious principles and having relational regard for people?
6. How do people today challenge Jesus' authority? How are you doing with submitting to Christ daily? How are you growing in your relationship with God?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. Pray for your heart to be submissive to Christ's authority. Ask God to give you a divine perspective to see the way he is working in the world. Pray for people to know Jesus.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jesus

Luke 6:1-11



The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, "Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy," is a famous commandment not only to the Jews, but also to Christians. Through the years, there have been many perspectives regarding the relevancy and the practice of the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment. For example, one denomination teaches that in order to keep the Sabbath one must worship on Saturday because that was the day that the Jews observed as the Sabbath. Others have taught that it is unlawful to do any work on the Sabbath, while some have even declared that it is inappropriate to go shopping on the Sabbath. Some debates that have emerged from the subject have focused on the question "What is the appropriate attire for the Sabbath?" Though many churches have a relaxed view of worship attire, many still adhere to a conviction that only dresses for woman and suits and ties for men are acceptable. At the end of the Sabbath, many sincere Christians are asking, "Did I do it right?" As you might suspect, Jesus has an answer to that question.