

GROWTH GROUPS

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“Jesus, Lord of our Laws”

Matthew 12:1-14

Conversation Starter -

Like Pastor Clint’s “quiet during the television show “60 minutes,” what were some of the laws that governed the home you grew up in?

Understanding -

As King Jesus ushers his kingdom into the world, he butts up against the systems, laws, and patterns that govern people’s lives. In calling people to follow him and become citizens of his kingdom, Jesus requires that people submit the laws that govern their life to his authority.

1. Read Genesis 2:1-3 and Exodus 20:8-11. Laws are established to bring about the will of the authority who established the law. What is the will of God for our lives, and how is the Sabbath meant to help bring about God’s will. *(see Matthew 22:36-40 for a clue)*
2. What is your experience of “Sabbath?” Is God’s will being carried out in your life as it relates to Sabbath?
3. The Pharisees and other religious leaders misapplied the law of the Sabbath. Where did they go wrong? What are some of the laws, religious or otherwise, that govern people’s lives today, but do not align with the will of Jesus? Do you notice any in your life that you would be willing to share?
4. Verses 6-8 are the climax of this passage. How do Jesus’ comments justify his defiance of the religious rulers? What insight do these same verses provide as we wrestle to submit the laws that govern our life to Jesus?

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