



Lord Of The Sabbath

Mark 2:23-3:6

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WARM-UP QUESTION

1. Have you ever eaten or drank something you knew you weren't suppose to? Why?

SABBATH CONFLICT #1 - 2:23,24

1. What is God's purpose in giving us the Sabbath?
2. How had the Pharisees changed the meaning of the Sabbath? Why?

JESUS' ANSWER - 2:25-28

1. What does Jesus' answer help you to understand about the Sabbath?
2. What does Jesus' answer help you to understand about Jesus?
3. What does it mean that Jesus is "*the lord of the Sabbath*"?

SABBATH CONFLICT #2 - 3:1,2

1. What does it mean that the Pharisees had a "*hardness of heart*"?
2. How could people who meant so well get so messed up in their relationship with God?

JESUS' ANSWER - 3:3-5

1. Jesus has several options in how He might choose to respond to the Pharisees. What are they?
2. Why does Jesus take the "proactive" option (the path of most resistance) in answering the Pharisees' question? What happens if He doesn't?
3. What does His "proactive" response demonstrate about Jesus?
4. How might Jesus' proactive approach be an example to us?

THE PHARISEE'S RESPONSE - 3:6

1. Is there anything that surprises you about the Pharisees' response to Jesus? If so, what?

PROCESSING ALL THAT...

1. These days, what does observing the Sabbath look like for you?
2. These days, is there anything that hinders your Sabbath time with God? What can (and will) you do to counter this hinderance?
3. Who do you know that is hungry and in need of God? Who is withered physically? In mind? In Spirit? This week how will you demonstrate Jesus' love to them?

BONUS QUESTIONS

1. How might your theology get in the way of your obeying God?
2. How can you keep this from happening?