

Luke 6:6-11 Jesus Heals on the Sabbath (Matt 12, Mark 3)

6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.

7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him.

- *Why do we watch people? To accuse or to encourage?*

8 But He knew their thoughts, (All Knowing omniscient) and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

Matthew 12:11-12 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep?..."

- In God's economy
 - People are valued over animals (sorry PETA)
 - People are valued over traditions
- If your traditions could be proven to be bad for people would you change?

9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?"

10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Mark 3:4-5 Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent.

- Jesus is giving them a chance to reconsider...
- The right question can be affective in revealing heart motives

5 And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

- Boldness! In the face of the governmental and religious leaders.
- Are you bold? Speaking the truth, Sharing the Gospel, Praying for people?

11 But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Matthew 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

- **How hard does your heart have to be, to not rejoice in the blessing of others?**
- **How will you obey? Who will you tell?**