

Luke 6:1-11

¹ One Sabbath Jesus was passing through the grainfields, and His disciples began to pick the heads of grain, rub them in their hands, and eat them. ² But some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" ³ Jesus replied, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, took the consecrated bread and gave it to his companions, and ate what is lawful only for the priests to eat." ⁵ Then Jesus declared, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

⁶ On another Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees were watching Him closely to see if He would heal on the Sabbath. ⁸ But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand among us." So he got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ And after looking around at all of them, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and it was restored. ¹¹ But the scribes and Pharisees were filled with rage and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Berean Study Bible

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You can't please all the people, all the time. Luke 6:1-11

Actual problem. 6:1-2

Some people are unpleasable. 2 "some of the Pharisees"

Some rules are unkeepable. 2 "doing what is unlawful"

Theoretical problem. 6:3-5

Some people fail to question. 3 "Have you not read"

Some people fail to answer. 5 "Son of Man is Lord"

Practical problem. 6:6-11

Identify the visible problem. 6. "a man whose hand was withered"

Identify the hidden problem. 7 "Looking for a reason to accuse"

Challenge the real problem. 8-9 "Get up... stand... which is lawful"

Change what you can change. 10 "Stretch out your hand... it was restored"

Clarify what you can't change. 11 "filled with rage"

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How big is your problem? Luke 6:1-11

Big problem. 6:1-2

People break the rules. 1 “pick the heads of grain”
People love their rules. 2 “some of the Pharisees asked”

Bigger problem. 6:3-5

People stretch the rules. 4 “lawful only for the priests”
People need the rule-maker. 5 “The Son of Man is Lord”

Biggest problem. 6:6-11

People hold to their rules. 7 “Looking for a reason to accuse”
People value their rules. 11 “filled with rage”

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Love is lordship over the Law. Luke 6:1-11

Laws are important to lawmakers. 6:1-2

God’s eternal laws must be obeyed. 1 “Sabbath”
Human temporal laws must be respected. 2 “unlawful”

Laws are supposed to be loving. 3-4

God’s law is for a better future. 3 “Have you not read”
God’s love is for a better future. 4 “ate what is lawful only for the priests”

Jesus is Lord over laws. 5

Jesus is Lord over the law. 5 “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”
Love is lordship over the law. John 3:16, Jesus expresses God’s love

Love enacts laws. 6-11

Jesus loves people over laws. 9 “which is lawful... save or destroy”
Love lifts people over laws. 10 “He did so, and it was restored”

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Using rules rightly. Luke 6:1-11

Rules can be good. 6:1-2

Rules can guide. 6:3-5

Rules can guard. 6:6-11

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Lord of the Sabbath. Luke 6:1-11

...disregards inappropriate rules. 6:1-2

...rightly regards Divine rules. 6:3-5

...highly regards the purpose of rules. 6:6-11

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Writing the rules. Luke 6:1-11

Some rules we write for ourselves. 6:1-2

Some rules are written for us. 6:3-4

All rules have a purpose. 6:5-11

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Lord of the Sabbath. Luke 6:1-11

Lordship determines obedience. 6:1-2

Lordship determines flexibility. 6:3-5

Lordship determines purpose. 6:6-11

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Beliefs: Burden or Blessing? Luke 6:1-11

Beliefs can be a burden. 6:1-2

Beliefs can be baffling. 6:3-4

Beliefs can be a blessing. 6:5-11

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What am I supposed to do with my faith? Luke 6:1-11

Faith can restrict me. 6:1-2

Faith can release me. 6:3-4

Faith can restore me. 6:6-11

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Putting principles into practice. Luke 6:1-11

Foundational principle. 6:5

When the principle is force. 6:1-2

When the principle is freedom. 6:3-5

When the principle is favour. 6:6-11

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Knowing leads to going. Luke 6:1-11

The God to know. 6:5

Knowing the sovereignty of God. 6:1-2

+ worship, obey. - fear

Knowing the love of God. 6:3-4

+ freedom. - slackness

Knowing the grace of God. 6:6-11

+ hope, joy. – receive

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Where lordship leads. Luke 6:1-11

Key verse. 6:5 “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

Led by laws. 6:1-2

Led by leniency. 6:3-4

Led by love. 6:6-11

This outline is the foundation of the accompanying slidecast.

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I'm motivated. Luke 6:1-11

I love God's Word. 6:1-2

I love God's service. 6:3-5

I love God's people. 6-11

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I can't, but Jesus can. Luke 6:1-11

I can't keep God's law. 6:1-2

I can't understand God's mind. 6:3-5

I can't restore God's people. 6:6-11

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Choose well. Luke 6:1-11

Choose your direction. 6:1-2

Choose your companions 6:3-5

Choose your motivation. 6:6-11

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Can I live by my rules? 6:1-2

Can I live by God's rules? 6:3-4

Can I live beyond rules? 6:6-11

Reflection

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ² And by the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on that day He rested from all His work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on that day He rested from all the work of creation that He had accomplished.

Genesis 2:1-3, Berean Study Bible

God created the seventh day. God blessed the seventh day. God sanctified the seventh day. When Jesus declared Himself to be Lord of the seventh day, He was openly declaring that He is God; God the Creator; God over all; God of the Sabbath/seventh day.

If this audacious declaration by Jesus is true, then we must bow before Him, worship Him, and obey Him. If His claim is false and baseless, then He is a blasphemer is to be utterly rejected, which leaves us without a Saviour, and with only utter darkness as our future.

Music and songs

Songs about the Lordship of Jesus

He is Lord... He is risen from the dead and He is Lord

Songs about doing good

He has show all of you... do justice, love mercy...

Songs that mention the Sabbath

A mighty fortress is our God... Lord Sabaoth His name (Lord Sabaoth is used about 200 times in the Old Testament, and has nothing to do with the Sabbath Day. It is usually translated 'Lord of Hosts', 'Lord of Armies', or 'Lord Almighty'.)

Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion from Luke 6:1-11

1. What are your top reasons why a pre-churched, or a de-churched person should come to our church?
 2. Read Luke 6:5. What declaration is made, and why is it important? What counter-claims are being made all around us, and what are their possible consequences?
 3. What is the purpose of laws? What is one law that you appreciate, and one law that you find frustrating?
 4. Why do you think the Pharisees made laws?
 5. Read John 14:21 and 1 John 2:4-5. What are some advantages of keeping God's commandments?
 6. What advice would you give to a new believer about how to keep God's commandments?
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