

**M TRUTH: SHOWING COMPASSION AND PROVIDING  
O CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED SHOULD OUTWEIGH  
N EMPTY RELIGIOUS RITUAL**

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1. What does it mean to miss the point? Give some examples of those who have.
2. The religious leaders in Jesus day missed the point when it came to Jesus' person and work. Give examples from the Gospel of Luke.
3. Read Exodus 16. The observance of the Sabbath set God's people apart from the rest of the surrounding nations. Why? What were God's people communicating in their observance of the Sabbath?

**Prayer: Father all that we have is from you. We praise you for the ability to work and provide. We thank you for the time we have each week on the Lord's Day to cease from our daily activity and join with our brothers and sisters in Christ and learn from you and worship you.**

*Answers: 3) Those from the surrounding nations did not take a day off from their labor. They were independent and self-sufficient. They failed to see their need for God's provisions and often praised the works of their own hands. God's people were called by him to take a day to cease from their labor, rest, and enjoy the blessings he provides. They were to remember that while they were going out each day and exerting themselves to provide for their family, their daily provisions were ultimately from God.*

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1. It was said on Sunday that it is good spiritually for believers to rest from their labor. Explain why.
2. We have seen Christ's greatness on display many times in the Gospel of Luke. Share a few examples. Give other examples from Luke where Jesus exercises his authority and power over demons.
3. Read Luke 13:10-14. It was said on Sunday that Jesus gives those in the synagogue a glimpse of the work he was sent to do. Explain how Jesus' healing of this woman illustrates the work he was sent to accomplish in salvation?

**Prayer: Father open our eyes to see the greatness and majesty of Jesus. Help us recognize how infinitely worthy he is of all our praise and devotion. We thank you that you did not leave us to our own destruction but that you provided a way of rescue for us through Jesus. We praise you for the life we have in you through the person and work of your Son.**

*Answers: 3) He came to heal and restore. He came in power to break the rule and power of Satan. He came to straighten that which is crooked—to rescue sinners from the bondage of Satan and the chains of sin and restore them to a right relationship with God.*

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1. How does the woman respond to the saving work of Jesus Christ? Explain why this is the proper response. Take time this week to praise God for saving you from sin and death and restoring you to a right relationship with him through his Son Jesus.
2. Read Luke 13:14. Why was the ruler of the synagogue upset with Jesus healing this woman? What should have been his response? Read the end of Luke 13:13 and the end of Luke 13:17. What does his response reveal about him?
3. Read Hebrews 10:25. List some reasons why corporate worship on the Lord's Day is special and should not be neglected by God's people?

**Prayer: Father may we not neglect gathering together with your people on the Lord's Day for worship and fellowship. May our gatherings bring you glory and be edifying to others. May we meet for the purpose of learning more of you so that we may respond to you in a manner that is worthy of you in worship.**

*Answers: 1) She gives glory to God. Luke highlights the fact that those who have been rescued by God respond properly by giving glory to God. 2) He is more concerned with empty religious ritual, than caring for this woman. He should have responded by praising God with her. 3) The corporate gathering on the Lord's Day is the time we hear from God and allow him, through his Spirit, to work in our hearts and lives as he prepares us to live for him. It is the time and place when we get equipped to be the believer God has called us to be. It is where we rub shoulders with other believers and sharpen one another so we might grow alongside of one another in godliness. It's where we bring the lost and condemned for rescue. It is where we confront those twisted and bound up by Satan with the truth of God's gospel. It is where we pour into them in hopes that God works miraculously to transform their hearts and lives. The church is the place where we bring glory to God for the marvelous work he has done in saving us.*

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1. Read Luke 13:15-16. Explain Jesus' words here. Why should it have made sense to this religious leader to do good on the Sabbath?
2. Reread Luke 13:10, 13. What did Jesus spend his time doing on the Sabbath? What should our time be spent doing as we meet together corporately with God's people?
3. It was said on Sunday that God's people must not neglect praying for and ministering to fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as they gather together corporately for worship. When needs arise, God's people are to take time to pray for, love and serve one another. Spend time this next week praying for and seeking out opportunities to love and serve members of the body of Christ.

**Prayer: Father give us a hunger for your Word. May we be eager to hear your Word and faithful to apply it. Show us ways in which we can better love and serve members of our church body. Open doors for us to minister and help us to not waste opportunities.**

*Answers: 1) Jesus tells this religious leader that compassion and care for those in need should outweigh his desire to meet the letter of the law when it comes to empty religious ritual. Legalism should be squashed for the sake of love. While it is good to have order in worship and while we should plan how our meetings will go, if we are not loving one another when we gather—if our commitment is not reaching the lost and equipping the saved for God's glory, we are wasting our time. 2) Jesus preached the word and cared for those in need.*

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1. What are some things we rejoice in?
2. Give reasons why we are to rejoice in grace. When is the last time you took time to rejoice in God's amazing grace? Seek forgiveness for your failure to rejoice in your salvation and pray God would restore to you the joy of your salvation. Spend time praising God today for the fact that he has provided salvation for you through Christ.
3. What is your response going to be to Jesus today? Are you trusting in him alone for your salvation? Have you experienced the spiritual healing from him that he provided for the paralytic woman? Have you been straightened out spiritually—changed from the inside out, restored to a right relationship with the living God through Christ? If not, would you forsake your sin and trust in Christ alone for your salvation today?

**Prayer: Father thank you for sending Christ to save us. We lift up those hearing this message and going through this study who do not know you. We pray you would show them their sinfulness and need of rescue. We ask that you transform their hearts and bring them to repentance of sin and faith in Christ.**

**JESUS' MINISTRY IN GALILEE:  
MORE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED ON THE SABBATH  
Luke 13:10-17**

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSE OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADER ON THE SABBATH**

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS GIVES ABOUT THE SABBATH**

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE ON THE SABBATH**

**CONCLUSION**