

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: April 29, 2018

Mark 3:1-6

1. The default position for most people is legalism instead of grace. Why is legalism easier than trusting in and living by God's grace?
2. Last Sunday, Pastor Craig preached on Sabbath rest. How were the Pharisees being legalistic about the Sabbath in Mark 3:2?
3. Read Matthew 23:13. How were the Pharisees guilty of shutting off the kingdom to others Mark 3. How did they misunderstand the purpose of the Sabbath according to Mark 2:27?
4. Mark writes that Jesus was grieved at their hardness of heart. According to Ephesians 4:17-19, what does hardness of heart create? What does Christ bring in your life according to Ephesians 4:20-24?
5. The Pharisees were angry with Jesus because, in their minds, he did what was not lawful to be done on the Sabbath. Though they were wrong, they probably thought that Jesus was dishonoring God. Can you name a time when something changed in your church that made you uncomfortable and possibly caused you to question whether or not it was godly?
6. Jesus was angered at the Pharisees' hardness of heart. Why was it appropriate for Jesus to be angry? Read Matthew 23:36-37. How did Jesus respond in this passage to the hardness of Jerusalem? How should we respond to hard hearts around us when we share Christ's gospel?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Galatians 3:13. Discuss what it means that Christ came to fulfill the law. How does that affect you today?