



Keeping the Sabbath Luke 6:1-16

Something to Start Us Off

- Can you recall and experience of being in an environment where there was a strict observance of Sabbath keeping?

Something to Notice

- What seems to be the main objection to Jesus or what he and his disciples are doing in these stories?
- Look for any indications in this section of Luke that reveal Christ's messianic or God-like authority. What can you find?

Something to Understand

It was not unlawful to eat grain while walking through a someone's grainfield, though it was considered stealing to cut the grain using a tool as if harvesting. See Deuteronomy 23:24-25. The issue in both stories had to do with what constituted work, for which the Pharisees had very detailed descriptions.

Read Romans 14:5, Galatians 4:9-11 and Colossians 2:16-17. These verses summarize Paul's teaching to more Gentile churches pertaining to the Sabbath.

- Jesus reminds his critics of a story about David when he was on the run from Saul. How would you sum up the point he is making?
- We don't get to hear what the man with the withered hand thought about all this. How do you think he might have responded to Christ healing him on that particular day?
- In the final segment on Jesus selecting the apostles, which detail stands out to you the most? The all-night prayer time? The number of them being twelve? Something else?

Something to Take Home

- Based on the passage we just read can you think of a one-sentence remark pertaining to Christians and Sabbath keeping today?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 6:1-16 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?