

Kingdom of God 20 - Leader's Guide

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- 1. What is the Sabbath? (The Sabbath is a Jewish day of rest from Friday at sundown to Saturday at sundown.)**
- 2. Why did God give the Sabbath? (God wanted us to rest and not burn out!)**
- 3. How did the religious leaders of Jesus' day misunderstand the spirit of the Sabbath? (They made up many rules about the Sabbath so that it became a burden and was not restful.)**
- 4. How did Jesus heal Peter's mother-in-law? (He healed her by commanding the fever to leave and by touching her hand.)**
- 5. Why was everyone watching Jesus closely when he was invited to eat at a Pharisee's house? (It was the Sabbath, and they wanted to see if he would heal the sick man who was near him. They wanted to find a reason to accuse Jesus and may have put the sick man there.)**
- 6. What was wrong with the sick man? (He had dropsy, abnormal swelling in his body caused by heart failure or kidney/liver disease. It was serious.)**
- 7. Jesus knew the Pharisees were trying to trap him. How did he address the situation head-on? (He asked the Pharisees a direct question: is it right or wrong to heal on the Sabbath? Is it a man-made law or is it breaking God's law?)**
- 8. How did the Pharisees answer Jesus? (They had no answer! They knew it was a man-made law.)**
- 9. After he healed the sick man, Jesus pointed out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees (saying one thing and doing another). How were they hypocrites? (He said that they would also "work" on the Sabbath if their son or animal fell into a pit.)**
- 10. How did Jesus show courage and fearlessness in dealing with the man with the deformed hand? (He called up front and healed him right in front of his enemies.)**
- 11. How did Jesus feel about the Pharisees' attitude? (Mark 3: 5) (He was angry and grieved at their hardness of heart.)**
- 12. What did Jesus' enemies do after the miracle? (They began to make plans to kill him.)**

Kingdom of God – 20 Sabbath Healings

1. Luke 4:38-9 (Mark 1:29-31) Who Is Jesus?

- Goes to Simon's home. Enjoys fellowship, time with others v.1
- Kind. Wants to help. Touches. Takes her by the hand. (Mark 1:31)
- Rebukes the fever. Commands fever to leave. v.39
- Has authority, power over disease
- Cares about our physical health, details of life, even small problems

Who Is Man?

- Simon's mother-in-law is very sick with high fever v.1
- Beg Jesus to heal sick woman v. 2
- Immediately gets up and begins to serve! Feeling great! v.39

So What?

- Jesus hears people who ask him to heal mother-in-law. Jesus will answer me when I pray for others' healing.
- Jesus wants to heal! He wants to heal me!
- Jesus cares, wants to help with the smallest details of my life like a fever.

2. Luke 14:1-6 Who Is Jesus?

- Invited to dinner at house of important religious leader (Sabbath) v. 1
- Sees the trap. Confronts religious leaders directly. v. 2
- Brave, courageous
- Asks if it's right or wrong to heal on Sabbath v. 3
- Asks if healing is breaking God's law (or is it a man-made law?) v. 3
- Heals man by touching v.4
- Sends man away – maybe to protect him v. 4

Who Is Man?

- Enemies watch Jesus carefully, waiting for him to mess up v. 1
- Sick with “dropsy” – arms and legs swollen with fluid v. 2
- Sick man is near Jesus. Enemies probably put man there to trap Jesus v. 2
- Religious leaders don’t dare to answer Jesus’ question. v 4
- Hypocrites. Say 1 thing and do another. Would rescue a child or animal
- Have nothing to say! Speechless. They know Jesus is right. v. 6

So What?

- Religious people may think they are pleasing God, but they aren’t!
- Following man-made rules does not please God!
- Do I have a relationship with God or am I just following religious rules?

3. Mark 3:1-6 Who Is Jesus?

- Goes to temple weekly. Notices sick man. v.1
- Not sneaky. Does everything out in the open. v. 3
- Confronts his critics. Not afraid of people. COURAGE. v. 4
- Asks is it’s right or wrong to heal on Sabbath. v. 4
- Knows people’s thoughts. Addresses problems directly. (Luke 6:8)
- Looks enemies in eyes (Luke 6:10)
- Angry at stubbornness. Grieved at hard hearts v. 5
- Gives command to sick person v. 5
- Heals instantly with a word. Helps paralyzed people. v. 6

Who Is Man?

- Paralyzed hand. v.1
- Enemies watch Jesus closely. Looking for reason to accuse him. v. 2
- Enemies can’t answer Jesus’ question. Stuck. Silent. v. 4

- Sick man obeys Jesus' command. Acts on Jesus' word. v. 5
- Completely healed by Jesus v. 5
- Pharisees: furious! So angry they plan to kill Jesus!
- Follow man-made rules. Legalistic, rigid.

So What?

- Am I sneaky or open like Jesus?
- I need to be courageous like Jesus, not afraid of people
- It's okay for me to be sad when people's hearts are hard. Jesus was.
- Jesus has the power to heal me!
- I need to obey Jesus' commands like the deformed man did
- I have Jesus' power in my life if I believe. God can use me to heal the sick!