

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –04/20/26

Matthew - Lesson 15
Matthew 12:1-21

1. Read Matthew 12:1-8, Ex. 20:8-11, 31:12-17, Deut. 5:12-15, 23:25. What was God's purpose for the Sabbath Day? What was the basis of the Pharisees' accusation that the disciples were breaking the Law?

2. How did Jesus refute their accusation?
 - a. Verses 3-4, Lev. 24:5-9, 1 Sam. 21:1-6

 - b. Verse 5

 - c. Verse 6

 - d. Verse 7

3. How would you explain v. 8? What claim was Jesus making about Himself?

4. Read Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6. This encounter was probably all setup by the Pharisees in advance. What were they hoping to accomplish? How did he answer their question?

5. Why do you think Jesus asked the man with the shriveled hand to stand up in front of everyone?

6. What was the response of the Pharisees to the man's healing? There is far more going on here than disputes over the Sabbath. What do you think was the real issue?

7. Read Matthew 12:15-21. Matthew identifies Jesus as God's Suffering Servant described in Isaiah 42. According to vv. 18-21, who is Jesus? What is he like? What contrasts can be made between Jesus and the legalistic Pharisees from these verses?