

LUKE 6:1-19

REVIEW...

- **THE GOSPEL OF LUKE...**
 - The focus of Luke is on the humanity of Jesus – showing Him as the perfect flawless man...
 - Key Verse - **Luke 19:10** - “**The Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost.**”
- **LUKE 1:5 - 3:28 - THE BIRTH AND EARLY YEARS OF JESUS / JOHN THE BAPTIST ~ BAPTISM OF JESUS...**
- **LUKE 4:1-13 - TEMPTATION OF JESUS...**
- **LUKE 4:14-30 - JESUS RETURNS TO NAZARETH - CAPERNAUM...**
 - The 1st year of Jesus ministry - in the power of the Spirit / teaching God’s Word!
 - Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth - read from **Isaiah 61:1-2**...
- **LUKE 4:31-44 - JESUS IN CAPERNAUM...**
 - Teaching with power & authority - Jesus returned to Galilee and taught in the Synagogues...
 - Jesus showed He had power of the spiritual – cast out the demon...
 - Jesus showed He had power of the physical – healed Peter’s mother in law...
 - Jesus showed He had the power over sin – healed the leper...
- **LUKE 5:1-39 - CHALLENGE OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS...**
 - Calling the Disciples - Jesus called Peter to go fishing - great catch - ‘fisher of men’...
 - 1st challenge – You sins are forgiven – the healing of the paralytic man...
 - 2nd challenge – Eating with sinners – if you are sick you go to the doctor...
 - 3rd challenge – Fasting – not during the wedding – don’t force your convictions on others...
 - Old vs. New – The Old Covenant gone – Jesus was establishing the New Covenant of Grace!

ON THE ATTACK ~ THE SABBATH... (3 THINGS) vs. 1-12

- **1st - BREAKING THE SABBATH... vs. 1-2**
 - The Disciples were hungry...
 - Much like walking through the tubo – if your hungry you grab a piece and eat...
 - The problem was not eating the grain – that was allowed - **Deuteronomy 23:25**
 - The problem was rubbing the grain in their hands - that was work - on the Sabbath!
 - The Sabbath day...
 - In the beginning - **Genesis 1 & 2** - God established the 6-day workweek...
 - God worked 6 days to create the World – so man is also only to work 6 days a week...
 - The 7th day God rested - He made it a day of rest – it became known as the Sabbath...
 - The 7th day - Saturday or Sunday...
 - Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath (*day of rest*)
 - The first church celebrated Sabbath on Sundays – resurrection of Jesus – **Acts 20:7**
 - That is why we consider Sunday to be our day of rest...
 - It is against God’s Law to do any work on the Sabbath - 4th commandment - **Exodus 20:8**...
 - Working on the Sabbath was punishable by death - **Exodus 35:2**...

- In **Numbers 15:32** a man was found gathering sticks on the Sabbath day...
- The punishment for his crime was to be stoned to death by the people!
- The Pharisees had decided that rubbing grain was work – harvesting / threshing
 - It may seem funny to think that such a simple act would break the Sabbath but...
 - The challenge was the Bible said you couldn't work on the Sabbath...
 - But what constituted 'work' – that's where the Pharisees stepped in...
 - They defined what 'God meant' when He said you could not work - (39 *do not's*)
 - In Israel today: there are Shabbat elevators (*pushing a button is work*)...
 - Only walk 1km - Sabbath day's journey - (*unless you tied a rope to your house*)...
 - Could not cook rice - you are not allowed to kindle a fire - that would be work...
 - Pharisees defined what 'work' meant - but they missed the purpose of the Sabbath
- **2ND - THE LORD OF THE SABBATH... vs. 3-5**
 - Jesus answered the Pharisees accusations by redefining the Sabbath...
 - King David got hungry one day (*like the disciples*) - while running from Saul
 - He came to the tabernacle and asked for some food - **I Samuel 21:2-6**
 - The only food they had was the 12 loaves of Show Bread...
 - Only the Priests were allowed to eat that Bread – **Leviticus 24:9**
 - In spite of being against the Law – David ate the bread – he was Hungry!
 - David's hunger was more important than the law concerning the 'Priests Bread'
 - Jesus' point - Man is more important than the Sabbath...
 - God did not create us to follow the Sabbath – He gave the Sabbath to us!
 - It was meant to give us a day to unwind – rest – recover...
 - It is no longer required – but it is probably a really good idea...
 - The Pharisees condemned men because they broke 'their interpretation of the law'...
 - But they missed the real purpose of the Law – to teach men about God...
 - But they strained out the mosquito, only to swallowed the Caribou
 - Meaning they would make sure to follow the smallest details of the law...
 - But they missed the more important matters of the Word – they missed Jesus!
 - People want to judge what you wear – where you live - who you know...
 - They are only concerned about the outside and appearances
 - But they miss what really matters – which is a relationship with Jesus!
 - Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath...
 - The real purpose of the Sabbath was to point us to Jesus!
 - * **Colossians 2:16-17** – “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”
 - If you see the shadow of your best friend - you do not run up and hug the shadow...
 - But the shadow does tell you your friend is close...

- The Sabbath was a shadow of Jesus – He is where we find true rest!
- Pharisees only saw the shadow – they thought it was only about the Sabbath...
- They missed who was right in front of them – they missed Jesus!
- Don't be so concerned about your outward appearances/traditions that you miss Jesus!

● **3RD - HEALING ON THE SABBATH... VS. 6-11**

- Catching Jesus in the act...
 - Jesus went back into the synagogue on another Sabbath – to prove His point...
 - Inside was a man whose right hand was withered
 - This man had not been born with a bad hand – injured (*stoke, accident, disease*)
 - He knew what it was to have a healthy hand – but now he was disabled...
 - No doubt a financial hardship – as well as an emotional one...
 - The Scribes & Pharisees watched Jesus closely to see if He would heal him...
 - According to their interpretation of the Law you could not heal on the Sabbath...
 - The most you could do was to save a life if someone was dying...
 - They wanted Jesus to heal - because they wanted to make an accusation against Him!
- Jesus knew their thoughts - and told the man to stand up for everyone to see...
 - He asked the leaders - is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or evil – save life or kill...
 - To not help out a man who is hurting – when you can – is evil...
 - To not save a life – when you can – is to kill...
 - Jesus could help - so if He did nothing He would be doing evil on the Sabbath...
 - The point Jesus makes - how much better to do good on the Sabbath!
 - How terrible to leave this man to suffer – for the sake of silly rules!
 - But in the religious leaders attempt to follow their rules – they had lost sight of love
 - They would leave a man to suffer – whom Jesus could be made whole
 - Jesus looked on them in anger (*only mentioned in Mark*)...
 - Jesus was infuriated with the leaders because of their lack of compassion...
 - Yet Jesus' anger was tempered by his grief – at the hardness of their hearts...
 - It was the leaders rules that hardened their hearts – so they could not see...
 - They thought they were serving God by not healing a man who was suffering...
 - Bare foot youth and a brand new carpet in the church...
 - You can come to church – if you dress the right way / say the right things...
 - It is wrong when we are more concerned about our rules than about others...
 - The point of the Bible is to point us to Jesus – not keep us from Him!
- Healing on the Sabbath...
 - Jesus commanded the man to stretch out his withered hand - made it whole!
 - In total Jesus healed 7 times on the Sabbath - He did it to make a point...
 - Jesus did not come to live up to the Pharisees rules – He came to save lives...

- The Pharisees were so caught up in rules - they missed love - missed Jesus!
- Many in the 'church' have gotten lost in traditions and rules and forgotten...
 - We go to Church on Sunday (*maybe even twice a week*)...
 - We take communion once a month - We read our Bibles - pray...
 - But why do we do all these things – just because - have we forgotten Jesus...
 - What message do we give to others – the Gospel of what they must do...
 - Or the Gospel of who they should know – do we tell them about Jesus!
- Jesus had shown the Pharisees they missed the heart of the law – to know God...
 - They were enraged - to the point of madness - at Jesus actions and words...
 - Unable to formulate a comeback against Him - they began to plot how to kill Jesus...

THE 12... vs. 13-19

- ALL NIGHT IN PRAYER... vs. 13-16
 - The Apostles were not chosen lightly – Jesus spent all night in prayer to decide...
 - Up unto this point there was very little organization to the ministry of Jesus...
 - Many multitudes came to hear Him - and a growing number followed Him (*disciples*)
 - In the morning - from the multitude of His disciples - He choose 12...
 - Listed 4 times in the New Testament - **Mark 3:13-19 / Luke 6:12-16 / Acts 1:13**
 - Not the ones we would have chosen...
 - If I was to pick 12 men to disciple and teach to reach out and change the world
 - I would pick the best, the brightest, the richest, the most popular...
 - I would pick movie stars, politicians, the wealthy, the best educated...
 - But that does not even remotely describe the group that Jesus chose...
 - Peter (*whom denied Jesus*) and his brother Andrew, James and John (*the Sons of Thunder*), Philip and Nathaniel (*both friends of Peter and Andrew*), Thomas (*who doubted*), Matthew (*who was a corrupt customs agent*), the brothers James and Judas (*who apparently was big hearted*), Simeon (*who wanted to overthrow Roman rule of Israel*), and Judas (*the one who betrayed Jesus*)!
 - Quite the list – makes you wonder if Jesus needed a little more time in prayer...
 - If you saw them walking down the street - you'd cross to the other side to avoid them!
 - God chooses the VERY ordinary - **I Corinthians 1:26-28**...
 - The Apostles were from nowhere – from the province – from the 'Bukid'...
 - They were no one extraordinary – 'they were mostly fishermen'...
 - They weren't the best educated (*or perhaps educated at all*)...
 - They were not the influential, the wealthy, handsome, or powerful...
 - They were ordinary fishermen, sinners, and the like
 - The very last people you would ever expect God would (*could*) use!
 - Yet they are ones God choose to use to turn the whole world right side up!
 - You might be thinking that God could never use you...
 - Thinking that you don't have the right education – you have no money...
 - You might think you're only from the Bukid – not famous or influential...
 - What you may not realize is that you just gave yourself the Apostles qualifications...

- As the very disciples that Jesus choose to use to transform the World!
- God wants to use you – not just to reach this community – but the world!

- **SENT OUT... vs. 17-19**

- o Jesus named those He choose - Apostles - *Apostollos* - to be sent out...
 - THE 12 Apostles - were unique - they were the pillars of the church - **Revelation 21:14**
 - They were chosen by Jesus - **John 15:16** - to begin the work of the Gospel...
 - But the calling of an Apostle is still alive in the church today - **Ephesians 4:11...**
 - The picture is that of an ambassador - a representative of God to the world...
 - Sent out to share the Good News - the hope of salvation through Jesus!
 - We call them missionaries - those who are 'sent out' to tell others about Jesus!
 - Not just to other countries (*the Apostles went to their own people*)...
 - Sent out to tell your neighbor across the street - your friends at school...
- o To prepare the Apostles - Jesus showed them...
 - Jesus showed the disciples He had power over the spiritual / sickness / sin...
 - He came down with them from the mountain - and the multitudes came to Jesus...
 - Jesus taught them - touched them - and healed them all!
 - **John 14:12** - "Anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works."
 - What could be greater than healing / casting out demons / raising the dead...
 - If you heal – they will get sick again / if you raise the dead – they die again one day...
 - The greater work – is giving the Gospel – bringing eternal life that never fades away!