

## **Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals**

### **"Jesus Rules"**

**Luke 6:1-19**

**November 22-23, 2014**

#### **For Starters**

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or raised questions?
2. What is your experience with legalism inside or outside the church? What did you like or dislike? What do you think about it today and how has that changed over the years?

#### **Digging In**

1. Read verses 1-5. What is going on that causes the Pharisees to be so upset with Jesus and His disciples?
2. How does Jesus' response indicate a different understanding of His authority?
3. How does the drama of the Pharisees and Jesus continue in verses 6-11?
4. Why are the Pharisees furious with Jesus?
5. How does Jesus demonstrate that He is Lord of the Sabbath?
6. Read verses 12-16. Why do you think Jesus spent all night in prayer?
7. What do you notice about Jesus' power in verses 17-19?
8. How does this text illustrate Jesus' proclamation in chapter 4, verses 18-19?

#### **Bringing It Home**

1. How can we know if a religious practice is actually a dead ritual that leads us away from a relationship with God through Christ?
2. What area of your life right now is not surrendered to Christ's loving rule (lordship) and what's it look like to trust God in this area?
3. Who has God placed in your life that is not yet a Christ-follower? Pray asking God to use your group to extend God's kindness to them.
4. Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees in this text continues to turn their religious understanding upside down. How might you be like a Pharisee? What are some ways that Jesus' teaching has done that in your life? Where might He be leading you into a new area of understanding?

#### **Digging Deeper**

Read Leviticus 24:5-9 and 1 Samuel 21:1-6 to see the authority that King David uses to "break the law". Consider the "authority" of Jesus in this passage. Why does Jesus break the law in Luke 6? What is this suggesting about Jesus?

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Deb at [dmiller@doorcreekchurch.org](mailto:dmiller@doorcreekchurch.org).

**Adopt-a-teacher tip of the week#6:** Get a member or two from your life group together and offer to chaperone a field trip or classroom event! Haven't adopted a teacher yet? Contact Karrah for more information at [kmesser@doorcreekchurch.org](mailto:kmesser@doorcreekchurch.org)