

So What?!

notes

6 steps for becoming a modern day Pharisee:
(mostly borrowed from Pastor Mark Driscoll)

- #1. Make rules outside the Bible.
- #2. Push yourself to rigidly keep your rules.
- #3. Condemn yourself when you don't keep your rules.
- #4. Become proud when you do keep your rules.
- #5. Appoint yourself judge over others for violating your rules.
- #6. Tell others God stops loving them when they violate your rules.

4 steps for becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus:

- #1. Accept Jesus as Lord of your life, as well as the Sabbath.

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- #2. Be compassionate.

⁹... "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?"

- #3. Realize Jesus came to condemn legalism and offer grace.

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For by grace you're saved... Ephesians 2:8

- #4. Be willing to live between the tension of legalism and license.

Galatians 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm (concerning grace) and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery (legalism.)

^{5:13}For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh (license,) but through love serve one another.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite day of the year and why?

Read out loud: **Luke 6:1-12**

4 steps for becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus:

Step #1. Accept Jesus as Lord of your life, as well as the Sabbath. ⁵“The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” Do you sometimes behave differently at home than you do at work or than you do at church? Is it the social pressure at church, work behavior expectations or your families rules that make the biggest change in you? If Jesus is Lord of your life, how would that even out your behavior? If God created the Sabbath then the ONLY person who can be Lord of the Sabbath would be God, therefore Jesus is claiming to be the God that created the Sabbath. What do you do on most of your Sabbath days that is relaxing and restful?

Step #2. Be compassionate. ⁹“I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?” Jesus is asking a very rhetorical question that doesn’t take a genius to answer. Did you ever witness your mom or dad showing compassion to someone and how did it impress you? Who is one compassionate person you know and how do they show compassion? How do you differentiate between providing someone with compassionate help and yet not engaging in dysfunctional enablement?

Step #3. Realize Jesus came to condemn legalism and offer grace. ¹⁰After looking around at them all, He said to him, “Stretch out your hand!” And he did so; and his hand was restored. For by grace you’re saved... Ephesians 2:8. Have you ever had a broken bone that incapacitated you so that you couldn’t do what you wanted to do? Did you feel useless or did your ego suffer? Have you ever helped someone who had a broken bone get something done that they couldn’t do, how did that make you feel?

Step #4. Be willing to live between the tension of legalism and license. ^{Galatians 5:1} It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm (concerning grace) and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery (legalism.) ^{5:13}For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh (license,) but through love serve one another. Do you have a tendency to be pulled toward legalism or toward license? Do you think Christians in the evangelical world lean toward legalism in general? How so? In what way do you think Christians in the evangelical world lean toward license? 20 years ago what was legalistic that we don’t think of that way anymore and is the world a better place because that legalism is gone?

Family Time: read vs. 9 to your kids and ask them to answer Jesus question. Ask them what are some things you could do as a family that afternoon that would show good and compassion toward someone else. Go do one of those ideas.