

# Living Water Fellowship

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Worship with Holy Communion

COMPASSION CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

*COME TO JESUS*

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION    *IT STARTS RIGHT HERE (CASTING CROWNS)*

**WELCOME & PRAYER:**

**SONG:**            Hear Our Praises

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**BIBLE READING:**    Luke 6:1-11

One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grain fields, his disciples broke off heads of grain, rubbed off the husks in their hands, and ate the grain. <sup>2</sup>But some Pharisees said, “Why are you breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Haven’t you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup>He went into the house of God and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests can eat. He also gave some to his companions.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus added, “The Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath.”

<sup>6</sup>On another Sabbath day, a man with a deformed right hand was in the synagogue while Jesus was teaching. <sup>7</sup>The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees watched Jesus closely. If he healed the man’s hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.

<sup>8</sup>But Jesus knew their thoughts. He said to the man with the deformed hand, “Come and stand in front of everyone.” So the man came forward. <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to his critics, “I have a question for you. Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus looked around at them one by one and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So the man stretched out his hand, and it was completely restored! <sup>11</sup>At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to discuss what to do with him.

**SONG:**            Even So Come

**THE MESSAGE:**            *RSVP: INVITATION TO BOLDNESS*  
*Living Water’s Partner in Mission - Compassion International*

**OFFERING SONG:**            He Knows My Name (PW 834)

**PRAYERS:**

## THE COMMUNION:

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship during Communion: ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST (KING'S KALEIDOSCOPE)*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

## THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,  
By the Holy Spirit, receive the boldness of Christ!  
Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**SONG:** Let Your Kingdom Come

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

## Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 6:1-11. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you notice?
2. What's the main problem here for the Pharisees? How does Jesus see that circumstance? How does his example of David apply here? How does David's action reveal God's character in the practice & purpose of the law?
3. How would you describe the purpose of the Old Testament Law? How does Jesus fulfill that purpose while extending the practice of it throughout his ministry? Can you think of examples where he appears to "break" the law (beyond this one) or examples of where he seems to make the law tougher to keep? Talk about those differences.
4. What does it mean that Jesus is 'Lord of the Sabbath'? What did Jesus' identity as Lord of the Sabbath have to do with the disciples harvesting & eating grain on the Sabbath?
5. What do I learn about God's character & his will for creation? How have you seen Christians use the law against that purpose & character of God? What has been the result?
6. Why do you think it's so hard for many people to believe that God desires mercy not religious sacrifices (Hos 6:6)? Have you ever seen the church make that confusion: that our behaviour or following a rule is the most important thing? What does that do to the witness we are supposed to have to Christ's grace & love?
7. In their rigid adherence to the specifics of the law & the added stipulations & regulations, what do the Pharisees completely miss in the synagogue? Why is that such a disaster for their lives?
8. The Sabbath was intended to create a rhythm in the lives of God's people that re-tuned their hearts in time with his purposes & work in the world. It reinforced their understanding of full reliance on God's grace & complete responsiveness to his word & will. How is weekly gathered worship a part of that process for you? How else to you build that re-tuning rhythm into your daily schedule? If you aren't doing that, how might Living Water help?
9. What is most likely to prevent you from taking deliberate time to find rest in God? How might that obstacle be overcome?
10. How are these two events really different sides of the same coin? How does Jesus demonstrate his Lordship over all things in both? How is his Lordship being made real & visible in you?