

## **04 – Healing on the Sabbath** **Luke 13: 10 - 17**

### **Step 1: Link (back to last Bible time )**

We're reading the story of Jesus in the book of Luke. Last time we learned about the Sabbath day. What kind of day is the Sabbath day - ? ( . . . *holy, restful, special*) How do we keep the Sabbath - ? ( . . . *we rest, we don't work*)

### **Step 2: Introduction**

The Sabbath day is very important in our story today. Our story happens in the synagogue. What is a "synagogue" - ? ( . . . *a Jewish church*) Our story asks this question: Did Jesus keep the Sabbath? Or, did Jesus break the Sabbath? That is the problem in today's story.

### **Step 3: Key Questions**

- **What did Jesus do on the Sabbath?** (*v.10, taught; 14, healed a woman*)
- **What did everybody do on the Sabbath?** (*v.15, untie their animals and lead them to water*)

### **Step 4: Read Luke 13: 10 - 17**

### **Step 5: Answer the questions**

### **Step 6: Talk about it**

The Sabbath day was in the Ten Commandments. Why did God command the Sabbath? We learned this last week. Do you remember why God commanded the Sabbath - ? ( . . . *because He rested after His six days work of creation*) God rested on the seventh day, and He wanted to give us rest, too. God wanted us to have a day that was holy, different from our other six days.

Do you remember who Jesus' enemies were - ? ( . . . *the Pharisees and Bible teachers*) The Pharisees were leaders, and they liked being leaders. They liked to tell people what to do. But they also really wanted to obey God. So they made a lot of extra commands to follow. They made commands that were not in the Bible.

God does not like extra commands. His commands are enough. Extra commands make life hard for people.

Who was *indignant* because Jesus healed on the Sabbath - ? (... the synagogue leader/ruler<sup>1</sup>) Why was he *indignant* - ? (... because he said that Jesus was doing work.)<sup>2</sup>

What is your opinion? When Jesus healed the woman, was He doing work - ? (... opinion!) When everybody untied their animal, and took their animal to get a drink – was that work - ? (...)

An animal would be very unhappy if it could not have a drink for a whole day! Untying the animal, and giving it a drink is showing mercy. Jesus was also showing mercy. The Pharisees and synagogue leader had forgotten about mercy.

At the end of the story there were two groups of people. Look at verse 17. What were the two groups - ? (... Jesus' opponents<sup>1</sup> and the people) Which group was the synagogue leader in - ? (... Jesus' opponents) How did the opponents feel - ? (... humiliated) Why did they feel humiliated - ? (...) Do you think that the synagogue leader untied his animal on the Sabbath and gave it a drink - ? (... yes, of course!) So of course he felt humiliated. His thinking was foolish. A person is much more precious than an animal. Healing is a wonderful thing. That woman was so surprised and happy. She could stand up straight at last!

How did the people feel - ? (... they were delighted with the wonderful things Jesus did)

One reason we do Bible time in Open House is because we hope that someday you will be delighted with the wonderful things Jesus does!

**Do you have any questions or comments?**

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<sup>1</sup> Remember to always use the words in your classroom Bible.

<sup>2</sup> Personally I think he was also envious b/c Jesus was "stealing the show."

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