

## Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 5:33–6:16

### **Big Idea: It's all about Relationship**

**Legalism** – trying to earn God's acceptance by following rules, rather than relying on God's love for you.

#### **A. Legalism cannot Mix with the Gospel (5:33–39)**

33 And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink."

**Luke 18:11b–12a** "God, I thank you that I'm not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week..."

34 And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? 35 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."...37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

**Galatians 5:4** You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

39 And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good!'"

#### **B. Legalism Keeps you from having Compassion (6:1–5)**

On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. 2 But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" 3 And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" 5 And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

#### **C. Legalism Blinds you to the Work of God (6:6–11)**

6 On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. ...9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" 10 And after looking around at them

all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored.  
11 But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

#### **D. Jesus Prioritizes Relationship (6:12–16)**

12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:

**1 John 1:3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 11:28–30** "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

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#### **Application:**

Where has legalism kept you from compassion?

How can you prioritize relationship over rule-following this week?

## Discussion Guide | **with** - Luke 5:33–6:16

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

### **Read Luke 5:33–39**

- What does it mean to be legalistic?
- Why can't legalism and the gospel coexist?

### **Read Luke 6:1–5**

- How does legalism keep you from showing compassion?
- Who is God calling you to show compassion toward this week?

### **Read Luke 6:6–11**

- How can legalism blind you to what God is doing?
- How do you see God currently working in your life?

### **Read Luke 6:12–16**

- Do you have a genuine relationship with Jesus?
- How can you focus more on your relationship with Him this month without getting caught up in legalism?