

Discussion Questions Matthew Chapter 12

1. List some basic principles for making the Lord's Day a special day, different from all other days, which you find in Isaiah 58, and also Genesis 2:3 (From BSF).

2. Read Matthew 12:10-13; Exodus 23:4-5; Deuteronomy 22:1-4; Luke 13:14; 14:3. What is purpose of the Sabbath regulation? What main point is the Lord making regarding the Sabbath

3. Jesus was accused by the Pharisees of doing work on the Sabbath. Jesus answers the Pharisees' charges with three examples from the Scriptures.
 - A. What is the main point in each of these examples?
 - David (1 Sam 21:1-6; Mark 2:27)

 - The Priests (Lev 24:7-8; Num 28:9-10)

 - The Teaching of Hosea 6:6

 - B. How does Jesus' answers help us to understand the purpose for the Sabbath?

 - C. (Personal) How do you apply these to the Sabbath today?

4. In Mat 12:9, were the Pharisees asking an honest question? How do you know?

5. Was the Lord interpreting the letter or the spirit of the law, or both, in this instance of the man with the withered hand?

6. Challenge) Many people have different viewpoints about Matthew 12:31. What do you think is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit in Matthew 12:31-32? (Compare Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10; John 10:26 and Romans 5:8 for your answer.)
 - A. What do you think this sin is?

 - B. Who might commit it?

 - C. Why is it unforgivable?

7. Seeing that the heathen people of Nineveh repented immediately when they heard the message of Jonah for the first time (see Jonah 3), what did the Lord say would happen to the people of His day who heard and saw the unique Son of God and yet refused to repent?
 - (b) How would you apply this to our own day?

8. In verse 38, the pharisees ask for a sign.
 - A. Who is it that Jesus says asks for a sign?

 - B. What is the explanation of the "Sign of Jonah" that Jesus offers them?

 - C. What future event is Jesus referencing?

9. In Mat 12:46, What is Jesus' response to his mother and brothers' request to speak with Him?
 - A. How does Jesus' answer change the concept of Family?