

Campfire Tales: Stories the Disciples Told

For the next several weeks we will be selecting passages from the Gospel of Mark. Consider reading through the entire Book of Mark either at one sitting or over a couple of days. It's short – only 16 chapters. Getting the scope and feel of the whole book (exposing ourselves to the themes and rhythms in it) can provide valuable insight when approaching a particular passage.

Read Mark 2:23-3:6

For background read Exodus 20:8

Tell the story of your upbringing – what was permitted on Sunday and what was not?

Who set the family boundaries or guidelines for what was permitted?

How did those “laws” or rules change as you got older?

Which do you adhere to now? Have your rules changed?

How do the Sabbath Rules affect your relationship with God?

Was your relationship closer when there were more restrictions (law) or when you've experienced more freedom (grace)?

Sabbath observance is at the heart of our Personal Piety. Piety is a virtue that can include religious devotion, spirituality, or behavior that is (by a certain standard) religiously or morally correct. It can also be defined as the quality or state of being pious, such as fidelity to natural obligations or dutifulness in religion.

Make a list of Sunday do's and don'ts that you may have grown up with.

Make a list of things that “give you life” or give your life meaning. Not necessarily things that make you happy but that fulfill you, make you whole.

Hold one list in your right hand and the other in your left hand.

Which hand is shriveled and which one has Christ made whole?