

# Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

## SSBC Luke Bible Study #15

*Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.*

Passage: Luke 6:1-11

Sermon Date: Dec 25, 2005

### Introduction:

Isn't it interesting to come upon a sermon passage about the Sabbath on December 25 in a year when Christmas falls on a Sunday? Many of our families have traditions on Christmas morning that might interfere with our normal Sunday morning church routines. How should we handle this? How does God feel about our Sunday and Christmas practices and choices?

In Jesus' day, the Pharisees "helped" the Jews to make choices and interpret the biblical laws. Following a series of similar confrontations in earlier passages, this week's passage describes two more incidents when Jesus was confronted by the Pharisees, this time about his failure to observe their rules about Sabbath practices.

As you open the scriptures and begin this study, ask God to guide you to the truths and insights he wants you to see, and the ways in which he wants you to apply them to your life as you follow him.

*This bible study was developed by South Shore Baptist Church in conjunction with our weekly sermon series. To hear a sermon on the same scripture passage covered in this bible study, come to one of our Sunday worship services (8:30am or 11:00am) on the date listed on page 1. Or after that date you can hear it by logging on to [www.southshorebaptist.com/sermons/](http://www.southshorebaptist.com/sermons/)*

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3. Next, use this chart to **interpret some key observations**.

a. Select a few of your observations & questions from pages 2-3 that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and interpret and apply them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

Observation What does it say?	Interpretation What does it mean?

4. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- **S**ins to avoid
- **P**romises to believe
- **E**xamples to follow (remember "SPECK")
- **C**ommands to obey
- **K**nowledge to share

Don't just write things to write them – listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

Application How do I apply what it means?

### What's the Point?

5. What is the main point of Luke 6:1-11?

### Take a Closer Look at the Sabbath:

*Questions 6-10 lead you through what is called a "topical Bible study" – exploring the comprehensive teaching of the Bible about a given topic. You can do such a study for any topic of interest by using a concordance or study Bible to find all the relevant verses. Other helpful tools for such studies are the Thomson Chain-Reference Bible, Nave's Topical Bible, and [www.biblegateway.org](http://www.biblegateway.org) (select "topical index").*

6. What is the Sabbath? What does the Old Testament say about it?

Genesis 2:2-3

Exodus 16:23-30

Exodus 20:8-11

Exodus 31:12-17

Leviticus 24:5-9

Num 15:32-36

Isaiah 58:13-14

7. What does the New Testament say about the Sabbath? What related practices do we see the early believers modeling?

Luke 4:16

Acts 16:13

Acts 17:2

Acts 20:7

1 Cor 16:2

Col 2:16

Heb 4:1-11

Heb 10:24-25

Rev 1:10

8. Does the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment (Ex 20:8-11) still apply to us today? What do you think our attitude should be toward the Sabbath?

9. What connections do you see between the Old Testament Sabbath on the seventh day of the week (Saturday) and our Christian practice of gathering to worship as congregations on the first day (Sunday)? What are some similarities between them? Differences?

10. While being careful to avoid the trap of the legalism of the Pharisees, what are some ways you might personally apply the principles behind the Sabbath (rest, obedience, reverence, trusting God's provision) to your life and perhaps to your weekend practices & habits?