

Application

What practical things can you do this week at school, home or work to focus less on rules and regulations, you may have been focused on for a long time, and focus more on relationships with those far from God?

Prayer

Write out a prayer to God in response to what God has been showing you through this passage of Scripture?

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Part 6

Passage Study Guide

This week we will be studying the story of the man with the withered hand as recorded in the synoptic Gospels. We have included the pertinent Scripture passages for you to read and study. We have also provided a series of exercises and follow-up questions for you to consider as you study this week.

Study Exercises

1. What's the Same?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's the same in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is found in all of the accounts underline them.

2. What's Different?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's different in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is different go ahead and underline them in a different color.

3. What's Unique?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's unique to each of the Gospel accounts (if applicable). When you identify something that is unique go ahead and highlight them.

4. What concepts or Ideas are discussed?

Make a list of the concepts or ideas that are discussed by the Gospel writers in regards to this passage.

The Man With The Withered Hand

5. Common Treads

Several common threads to the story were discussed during this week's message including:

- Jesus was in the synagogue.
- It took place on the Sabbath.
- There was a man with a deformed hand that Jesus healed.
- The Pharisees were looking to set a trap for Jesus.

What lessons do you believe the Gospel writers were trying to teach us by including these details in each of their Gospels?

6. Consider this...

To Jesus, the most important thing in this story was not the correct performance of a ritual, but the spontaneous answer to the cry of human need.

What implications could this have for you?

Jesus became angry at the religious leader's hypocrisy. What implications could this have for you?

Jesus' focus was on relationships ... period! What implications could this have for you?

Matthew 12:9-14

9 Then Jesus went over to their synagogue, 10 where he noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.)

11 And he answered, "If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn't you work to pull it out? Of course you would. 12 And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one! 14 Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus. "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." 13 Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Mark 3:1-6

Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. 2 Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.

3 Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." 4 Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sab-

bath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him. 5 He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! 6 At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

Luke 6:6-11

6 On another Sabbath day, a man with a deformed right hand was in the synagogue while Jesus was teaching. 7 The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees watched Jesus closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.

8 But Jesus knew their thoughts. He said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." So the man came forward. 9 Then Jesus said to his critics, "I have a question for you. Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?"

10 He looked around at them one by one and then said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! 11 At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to discuss what to do with him

No record of *The Man With The Withered Hand* in John