

Matt 12:1-21; Luke 5:27-39; John 5 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. In John 5:1-18 what did Jesus encounter (v1-5), what did He ask and why (v6)? What were the results (v7-9, 10-12, 15-16, 18)? What else did Jesus do for the man (v13-14)?</p>	
<p>5. Look at John 5:19-32. Describe Jesus' relationship with His Father (v19-20, 21, 22-23, 26-27, 30, 31-32) and the work that Jesus accomplishes (v21, 24-25, 28).</p>	
<p>6. From John 5:33-47 what are the 4 witnesses to Jesus as God (v33-35, 36, 37-38, 39)? How had the Jews responded to these witnesses (v40, 43) and why (v41-42, 44, 45-47)?</p>	
<p>7. Read Matt 12:1-8. What did Jesus' disciples do that was "unlawful" (v1-2)? How did Jesus justify it (v3-4, 5-6) and what did this mean? What had they really missed (v7-8)?</p>	
<p>8. Using Matt 12:9-14 what trap was set for Jesus (v9-10) and what did He do (v13)? How did He show that He was right (v11-12) and how did the Pharisees react (v13-14)?</p>	
<p>9. In Matt 12:15-16 (see also Mk 3:7-12) what was Jesus' twofold response to the Pharisees (v15, 16)? What was the result for everyone else (v15, Mk 3:7-11)?</p>	
<p>10. From Matt 12:17-21 what prophecies did Jesus fulfill by His response (v19-20) and for whom did He do this (v18, 21)? How was He strengthened to respond this way (v18)?</p>	
<p>11. Thinking back over this study why did the "core values" and identity of Jesus cause conflict with the religious leaders? How and why does this happen in our lives when we follow Him?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

"It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:31-32 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Next Man Up (Exodus 3)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with your group about someone who has made a huge difference in your life and the life of others. What do you think it took for them to be that way?
2. Read Ex 3:1-10. Why is it so important to respond to God in the NOW? What event in the future or in the past is keeping you from doing His will NOW?
3. Talk about what it means to get "sidetracked by God". Where do you think God is working in your life that might cause you to alter your agenda if you followed it?
4. Share some behaviors or attitudes that you need to leave behind so that you can get into contact with the holiness and presence of God? What will this take?
5. Tell the group about a time that God seriously delivered you. What do you think His purpose was for you in doing that?
6. Discuss what the name of God, Yahweh (I am that I am) really means in practical terms. Why must we know Him before we respond to His call?
7. Take some time to talk about what it would look like if the men of Celebration really stepped up to leadership for the Lord. How can this happen?



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

When people allow lesser things to control the greater it is said to be like the "tail wagging the dog". For example, it is easy to prioritize rules over relationships because they are much easier to control. The problem is that rules don't matter if they don't help relationships. This is what the study in the life of Jesus this week reveals. The Jewish leaders had forgotten that the reason God gave the rules was to provide parameters for the practical expression of love in relationships. In the first section this core value of Jesus became clear when He called Levi as His disciple. He was a hated tax-collector, considered "unclean" according to religious rules. Jesus, though, came as a spiritual physician to heal the spiritually sick, so the relationship superseded the rules. He had come to call

sinners, not the righteous, to repentance. The old wineskins of rules couldn't contain the new wine of love for the those sick because of sin. The next event in Jesus' life, recorded in John, built on this idea but added to it confirmation of Jesus identity. Jesus healed a man who had been lame for thirty-eight years. He involved the man by asking if he wanted to be well and healed him when he affirmed that he did. However, since this was on the Sabbath the leaders again thought He had broken a "rule" and were seeking to kill Jesus. He was concerned with the man, though, and found him to encourage him to stop sinning. He then confirmed His identity as the Son of God. He did everything in concert with the Father, and had been entrusted with both judgment and life by Him. John the Bap-

tist, His works, the Father and the Scriptures all confirmed His identity, but the Jewish leaders denied these witnesses. In Matthew 12 His conflict with the leaders surfaced over a Sabbath controversy again, as His disciples plucked grain on the Sabbath for food. Using scriptural precedent to affirm His position He declared the principle that the Sabbath was for man, not the reverse. He also reminded them that if they had compassion like God this wouldn't be a problem. However, their rules were like the tail wagging the dog.

Study Questions for Matt 12:1-21; Luke 5:27-39; John 5

(for answers go to <http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions>)

<p>1. Read Luke 5:27-29 (see also Matt 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17. Describe Jesus' next disciple (v27) and how he responded to His call (v28, 29)? Why was Matthew a surprising choice?</p>	
<p>2. From Luke 5:30-32 what was the reaction of the leaders (v) and why? How did Jesus answer (v31-32) and what principle does this reveal? What would this look like today?</p>	
<p>3. Using Luke 5:33-39 what else bothered the Jewish leaders (v33) and what did Jesus tell them (v34-35)? What parable did He tell them (v36-39), what was the point, and how can we apply this?</p>	

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