

Not Just Another Story:

Lord of the Sabbath

From songs and novels to movies and TV, there is something unique about the power of stories and their ability to resonate with our hearts in compelling and moving ways. In the gospels, we see many accounts of Jesus telling parables and re-imagining stories to teach, equip and win the hearts of his hearers. And yet, Jesus wasn't a mere teacher or storyteller, but one who communicated, and is himself, the power of God for salvation. Let's examine what makes the stories of Jesus so unique, powerful and life-giving to us today.

Ice Breaker Question:

What did a typical Sunday look like when you were growing up? What is similar and what is different with your typical Sunday now?

Luke 6:1-5

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. ² Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" (Ex. 20:8-11)

³ Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? (1 Sam. 21:1-6) ⁴ He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

What stuck out to you? Share some observations from the passage.

What is something about how Jesus told this story that might have challenged the hearer's assumptions?

What did they believe about Sabbath? Or what was the purpose of Sabbath?

What is something about how Jesus told this story that challenges our assumptions?

How does this story show us the true realities of Jesus' life, the kingdom of God & the gospel?

How is Jesus a better David in this story? Why would Jesus call himself the Lord of the Sabbath? Check out Hebrews 4:1-11.

If we have been changed by the gospel, how does today's discussion speak into our daily living?