

## Sermon Discussion Guide- Week of April 18, 2021

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### Getting Started- Life Updates, Prayer Requests & Opening Question (15 min)

- Anything to share about personal events or faith experiences since you last met?
- Are there joys or concerns that you would like to share with the group for the closing prayer time or for group members to hold in prayer during the week? (please note them below for later)

- **Opening Discussion Question-** Why do you think Jesus “saw” people that other people didn’t appear to see or take notice of?

### Review the Sermon (15 min)

Please read aloud the scriptures from this week’s sermon message and then discuss the questions which follow as time allows.

#### Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. <sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people,

**“There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.” <sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.**

- If you had to give a one-minute summary of the sermon message this week, what would you say?
- What does Jesus’ quickness to see this woman and his power to heal reveal about Him (Vs 10-13)?
- Why would the synagogue leader be upset by this (vs 14)? Why does the leader address the people rather than Jesus?
- Do you think it is better for worship and healing ministry to be separated? Why or why not?
- Why would Jesus identify the woman’s physical illness as a binding of Satan? (vs 17)
- How do you think always being severely “bent over” affected this woman’s social life with others?

- The word *luo*, “to loose or unbind,” is used in verse 12, 15 and 16 in reference to the woman’s being set free from her illness and the analogy of untying an ox on the sabbath to give water. How does this analogy justify Jesus’ choice to heal a person as an acceptable “work” on the sabbath?
- How do you think Jesus’ goals, values and priorities differed from those of the synagogue leader?
- What did Jesus introduce and offer that the Jewish traditions did not yet have? (see 2 Corinthians 5:17- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

### **Other Related Readings (10 min)**

- Would a volunteer please read aloud Mark 2:23-3:6.
- What do you think Jesus meant by “The Sabbath was made for man[kind], not man[kind] for the Sabbath”? (2:27)
- What do you think he meant by “So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath”? (2:28). What kind of authority was Jesus claiming in making his pronouncements?
- How is the healing of the man with the shriveled hand in Mark 3:1-6 similar to the sermon passage (Luke 13:10-16)?
- How is the severity of the pharisees’ reaction in the Mark passage different than the synagogue leader’s reaction? Why do you think this is?

### **Personalizing and Applying The Message (10 min)**

- As you reflect upon the sermon and the scripture readings above, what are points of encouragement or challenge for you personally?
- How might traditions or customs be limiting the work that Christ would want for us?
- In worship services, what kind of activities or experiences do you think are the most important to plan for?
- Mr. Eric Solorio said “worship is the posture of a heart that is convinced about everything God says He is.” How does this definition of worship extend beyond the time of a worship service?
- If you were in the synagogue that morning, is there something you would have brought to Jesus to be set free from? What would it be?
- In a few moments, the group will be closing in prayer. Are there any limitations you would care to name now to be lifted up in prayer at that time to be set free from?
- Pastor Michelle quoted Max Lucado who said, “Faith is not the belief that God will do what we want but the belief that God will do what is right.” When we pray to be healed or set free from particular illnesses or burdens in our lives and we do not receive the answers we were praying for, how do you believe we are to understand that?
- Even then, what do you believe we can count on God for?

### **Witness and Closing (10 minutes)**

- How have we been able to bring glory to God for what He has done for us lately?
- In this coming week, is there someone who comes to mind that others typically do not notice whom you feel led to reach out to with a listening or encouraging presence?
- A volunteer may conclude by leading the group in prayer about the joys and concerns shared earlier in the meeting

