

Sermon Application Study

March 16, 2025

Target Passage → Luke 13:10-17

1. What are some of the significant details about the way Jesus heals this woman? How is this healing different than others he has performed?
2. How is the synagogue ruler's approach to Jesus different than other Jewish religious officials? Is he a critic of Jesus or not? Defend your view.
3. Did Jesus keep the Sabbath here or break it? Explain.
4. Why are religious rulers, like this one in the story, hypocrites?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Exodus 31:12-18, Colossians 2:6-23

For Me →

1. Have you ever added any of your own rules to the gospel or your view of Christianity and then judged others for not keeping them? Describe that.
2. If you grew up with a very rules-oriented version of the church, what was that like for you? Do you see Christ differently now? Explain.

For the Mission →

1. What are some examples of things churches might do that could create barriers that keep people away from hearing the gospel?
2. How do we prevent those barriers?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those who, like this hurting woman, need the healing touch of Jesus. Ask the Lord to show you (and all of us as a church) if there are ways we are preventing people access to the gospel because of our man-made rules or expectations.