



Sunday 3rd September—5:00pm Catholic Hall

Luke 6:12-26 Be Offended But Don't Stay Offended

A reminder of today's BD message Luke 6:1-11

When God created the universe, He worked for 6 days and then on the 7th day He rested. And God blessed the 7th day and made it Holy—the Sabbath. But the first time a commandment is given in relation to the Sabbath is after the enslaved people of Israel are lead out of Egypt. They get hungry and God tells them to gather twice as much manna and quail on the 6th day as on the 7th day they must rest.

So the Sabbath reminds us of 2 things: a) the **creative** work of God and b) the **saving** work of God.

And in the OT the Sabbath was a sign of the covenant. It was a sign of who the people of God were. For them it was a custom/tradition/law/commandment to be obeyed. But Jesus is very clear that while the Sabbath **is** a commandment of God, the Sabbath is **for us**, it is **not to rule over us**.

The Sabbath is God's gift to us. It is good to rest from our work. It is good to meet together and worship God and enjoy fellowship. God created it, **and it is good**.

But, as we see in today's reading, the Sabbath was being used as a rule to oppress. The scribes and pharisees had built many, many rules around the Sabbath and accused the disciples and well as Jesus himself of breaking them. These were not God's rules that were being broken, but man-made rules. What God had given as a freeing gift had been legalised, weaponised and twisted so that all joy had been removed.

And so Jesus makes a statement ... "the son of man is Lord of the Sabbath". Jesus was reinterpreting their understanding of the Sabbath back to the way it was intended. When Jesus sees the man with the withered hand—a very personal example of human suffering standing before them—He heals him and in so doing reinterprets the meaning of the Sabbath— a day to enjoy, to do good, and to give life!

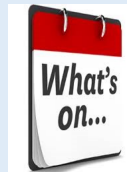
How did the religious leaders react? They were furious and ultimately they crucified Jesus as a result.

What does it mean for Jesus to be Lord of the Sabbath? What does it mean for the Sabbath to be a shadow of things to come (Colossians 2:17)? In Hebrews we are told that the Sabbath rest is resting from religious works or dead works. We are to leave dead works (striving for salvation) behind because Jesus has accomplished that for us. This work was done on the cross! Because of Jesus, we are NOW LIVING in the 7th day! The Sabbath was a shadow of the rest we find in Christ when we repent and believe.

Jesus taught us that having a day of rest is for our benefit. He also taught us to do good. The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath so we rest from dead works, we rest from vain works and we make every one of our days Holy to the Lord!

Bush Disciples September Roster 2023

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Supper
03/09	B&R	D&R	AH	D&P	A&M	J&S
17/09	J&S	B&R	AH	D&R	D&P	A&M

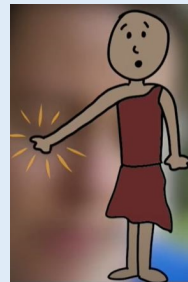


Men's Prayer Meeting 6am "Mywybilla" every Wednesday

KYB—8th August 9:30am Catholic Hall

Men's Bible Study—7:30pm every Tuesday Mywybilla

29th October—Worship, Fellowship Lunch and AGM of Bush Disciples Church at Westmar



Being a Christian isn't about following a heap of rules that make life difficult but *following Jesus* who shows us how to do good things and help people.

Order of Service Sunday 3rd September

Welcome & Opening Prayer	Bruce & Rhonda
Song x2	Chelsea & Rhonda
Children's Story	Dave & Pauline
Bible Reading Luke 6:12-26	Anne
Message	Be Offended But Don't Stay Offended
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Communion	David & Pauline
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Closing Prayer	Andrew & Monique
Computer Operation	Harry Krause
Supper	Justin & Sarah