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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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W A R M U P

Pastor Larry in his message stated, “You are invited to follow Jesus beginning today from wherever you start with whatever you got going on.” He also stated, “If you're already a follower, yield to Jesus. Say yes to Jesus.” Where have you struggled in your life to yield to Jesus?

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- Read Matt. 12:1-2. What were the disciples doing that the Pharisees said was unlawful to do on the Sabbath? The Pharisees were putting human tradition on par with God's Word. Think back, where have you been guilty of doing that in your in your walk with Jesus?
- Read Matt. 12:3-5. What do you think the Pharisee's response would be to the statement that something greater than the temple is here and why?
- Why do you think Jesus includes in here the quote from Hosea 6:6 that He desired mercy, not sacrifice. If the Pharisees had followed this teaching, what would they not have done?
- When Jesus said He was the Lord of the Sabbath, the Pharisees probably became speechless. Why did Jesus claim to be the Lord of the Sabbath? Why is this true?
- Who or what do we think Jesus means by “Son of Man”? (see v.8) Do you think Jesus is talking about himself? If so, what is he saying about himself? How similar or different is this from the way you normally think about Jesus?

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