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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Read Matt. 12:9-14, Mk. 3:1-6, and Lk. 6:6-11. The Pharisees always scrutinized Jesus and his followers very closely. Any Christian who identifies as a follower of Christ in public may also face this same scrutiny. Have you ever felt that? If so, how?

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- In today's readings, what do we learn about the Pharisees character/hearts? What do we learn about Jesus' character?
- From Mk. 3:4, what can we learn about God's intention for the Sabbath? What is the difference between God's intention for the Sabbath and how man kept it? How does that relate to Matt. 12:7?
- What was the Pharisees response to Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath? (see also Luke 6:11) Why do you think the Pharisees acted so viciously?
- In each of these reading the man was asked to come forward and expose his weakness. Thereby allowing Jesus to heal him. Pastor Larry made a powerful statement "You can only be fully loved if you are fully known." How have you struggled to let yourself truly be known?
- When do you feel that you need someone who listens to your story without judging you? As Pastor Larry stated, "Maybe in this season you would like to ask God to help you find somebody like that."

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