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The Gospel of Luke Chapters 5-8

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READ

- Luke's gospel from 4:14-9:50 now focuses on the period of popularity for the Lord Jesus, when He ministered in and around the region of Galilee.
- Read Luke 5:33-6:11 and consider what lesson the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- While these events from Jesus's life contain 3 distinct scenes, they do share some similar content. What things do 5:33-39, 6:1-5 and 6:6-11 have in common?
- Jesus many times feasted with and enjoyed time with other people. On the contrary John the Baptist and his disciples fasted. Why the difference in approach? What did Jesus say (5:33-39)?
- Luke 6:1-11 specifically concerns what Jesus did on Sabbath days. For background, consider that God's command was to cease from all work on the Sabbath (Ex. 20:8-11), but there are not many practical applications of what "work" includes. The Pharisees reportedly made up close to 40 rules about what constituted work on the Sabbath, but those were not God's Word. What do the Pharisees accuse Jesus and His disciples of in 6:1-11?
- What does the Lord Jesus reveal about Himself in 5:33-6:11?
- What do you learn about the Sabbath day and God's will for what the Jews should have done on it? How had the Pharisees distorted God's will on the Sabbath day?

APPLY

- Fasting is a current trend for those seeking to feel healthier, but its importance is definitely rooted in the scriptures. What are some helpful experiences you have had with fasting in these days without the presence of our Bridegroom Jesus?
- Jesus definitely offended the religious leaders of His day. How do you think Jesus would offend people in our local church today were He to show up here as He did in Galilee so long ago?
- In what ways should Christians today relate to the Sabbath day?

PRAY

- Thank the Lord Jesus for this story in His life and the truth of His Lordship and obedience to the will of God. Praise Him as our Bridegroom, and ask Him to help you long for the day when we will feast with Him.
- Confess any sin in your heart that would value laws and your performance but not Jesus Christ and His will and fulfillment of those laws.
- Ask the Spirit to transform you to love others and seek ways to serve them as Jesus did.

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