

Creekside Community Church
"The Return of the King" The Gospel of Matthew
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What Matters Most (Matthew 12:1-21)

A. The Principle (Matthew 12:1-8)

B. The Priority (Matthew 12:9-14)

C. The Practice (Matthew 12:15-21)

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. When was the last time you remember "making a mountain out of a molehill?" or the last you're your wrong priorities came back to bite you?

Going Deeper

3. Please read Matthew 12:1-9. Why was the Sabbath so important to the Pharisees? Can you think of any religious practices we make more important than the welfare of others? How does Jesus answer the Pharisees' charge against His disciples? Why do you think they misread the Law? How do Christians forget the point of the Bible?
4. Please read Matthew 12:10-14. How does Jesus demonstrate what matters most to God which He just taught the Pharisees in the field? Why is their question a trap? How does Jesus answer? How is verse 14 ironic?
5. Please read Matthew 12:15-21. Why doesn't Jesus act like the king He is? What does He do instead? How does His practice demonstrate what matters to God? How was Jesus different than most leaders?
6. The Pharisees made religious rules more important than compassion for people. Why do you think they did this? What things do we make more important than meeting people's needs?

Application: What is one lesson you've learned from this passage and how will you apply it to your life?