

Made to Grow: Lord of the Sabbath
Matthew 12:1-21

What should people find when they accept Christ's invitation to come to him?

When people come to Jesus, who is the Lord of the Sabbath, they discover a God who...

- I. Generously meets their needs, providing what they cannot earn: hunger/ healing (12:1-14).
 - a. Sabbath for the hungry and the sick: the God who graciously provides for those who humbly acknowledge their need.
 - b. The true purpose of the Sabbath: religion's traditions vs. grace in Scripture (cf. Matthew 23, 1 Peter 5:1-6).
- II. Graciously leads their way, taking them where they cannot go: my chosen servant (12:15-21).
 - a. The community of the called out
 - b. Spirit filled to proclaim justice.
 - c. Not violent or attention seeking.
 - d. A place of hope for the nations.

God's rest is not idleness,
But reliance on God's gracious provision.
Stop trying to be good enough to earn God's favor.
Humbly come to the Lord of the Sabbath as you are
and he will provide for who he wants you to be.

1. Have you ever had a need you know you must bring to the Lord but the guilt or shame of thinking you are not good enough keeps you from humbly coming to him? This is a deception of the enemy who wants you to ignore Jesus's grace and invitation. Ignore your feelings and trust his word; he will never turn away those who turn to him (John 6:37).
2. Our generosity is the grateful response that acknowledges the generosity God has given us first. At DFBC, we are growing into a family where generosity is the fruit of our gratitude not the compulsion of raw needs. What part does God want you to have in the future of God's plan through DFBC?
3. Pray for DFBC to become a community of life-givers who rely on God and lead with humility, service and trust in the all sufficiency of Jesus Christ.