



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Violating God's Rest | Numbers 15:32-36

1. Have you ever forgotten or ignored an important date—anniversary, birthday, holiday? Tell what it was and how you failed to acknowledge it.
2. In light of this story, what kind of value does God place on his Sabbath?
3. How did Jesus get in trouble with his activity on the Sabbath (cf. Mk 2:23-28)? Is it the same trouble as the man in Numbers 15 or is Jesus' "violation of Sabbath" different?
4. Is Jesus' principle "man was made for Sabbath not Sabbath for man" a tacit endorsement to violate Sabbath or is it a principle that should guide us in a fuller observance?
5. Give some examples of how you try to observe Sabbath.

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A Sabbathbreaker Executed

³²While the people of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.

³³And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation.

³⁴They put him in custody, because it had not been made clear what should be done to him. ³⁵And the

LORD said to Moses, "The man shall be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones

outside the camp." ³⁶And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death with

stones, as the LORD commanded Moses.

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