

## Home Group Questions - May 12, 2019

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1. Can you remember a time in your life when you were passed over or overlooked?
2. What kinds of people in our society are overlooked and why?
3. Read Luke 13:10-17 with your group
4. We see from the Old Testament that God commanded the Israelites to observe the Sabbath for the following reasons:
  - To rest and reflect on what God has done (Gen. 2:2-3)
  - To celebrate that they had been set free from their slavery/bondage (Deut. 5:17)
  - To remember that they were God's covenant people (Ex. 31:12-17)

Keeping these things in mind, how did the Pharisees miss the mark in their extremely strict following of the Sabbath in this passage? How did Jesus try to shift their focus onto the right things?

5. While the Pharisees were concerned with observing religious customs, they overlooked a woman in need. But it says Jesus "saw her" and healed her. While Christians do not typically overlook people for reasons relating to the Sabbath, how are we sometimes guilty of also overlooking people in need because of our religious obligations or beliefs?
6. Jesus makes sure to point out to the Pharisees that this woman was "a daughter of Abraham".
  - Why does he do this?
  - How do we overlook and neglect "our own people", in other words, people in the church?
7. What steps can you take to start doing a better job of noticing people and need and caring for them?