

# Wellington Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008

**Series:** The Gospel of John: A questioning culture meets Jesus and learns faith, love, and discipleship

**Confessions of a Sabbath Breaker... or Maker...**

John 5:1-18

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## Notes

Jesus' compassion to the needy reveals His divine identity. (vv. 1-8)

Jesus' confrontation over real Sabbath rest reveals His divine identity. (vv. 9-18)

**Main Point:** Embrace the Divine Christ revealed through conflict over real compassion and real Sabbath rest.

- Phenomenal vs. Phony compassion for those who want help vs. those looking to help God
- Real Rest vs. Religious Rest... from the Christ who never rests for people in need of rest

## Guide for Personal Devotions, Families and Gatherings

**Study for the Week:** The Bible says itself that it is the very word of God, breathed out and capable of completely equipping us for life in Christ. Depending on how much time you allot, we encourage you to increase your concentric circles of reading around the morning text. Read the chapter in which it lives, then the section, then the entire book. Invite the Lord to reveal to you the major lessons and truths you need for the next leg of your journey in Him.

**Applying the Word Together:** Read the texts of the morning together, and then utilize the following study guide to help move the Word from the head, to the heart, and then to the hands.

**Getting Started:** Share one item in your life with your gathering for praise or prayer, and spend some time supporting one another in the presence of the Lord.

**Going Deeper:** What one truth from the Bible, or from the message, penetrated your heart? Tell the story of why that one insight is going to make a difference in your life.

What will your life be like in the years to come, as God gives them, if you really put this new insight into practice? What will it be like if you don't?

**Hitting Home:** At the end of your time together, spend some valuable moments of silence inviting the Lord Jesus Christ to do his special work in you for his glory.

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