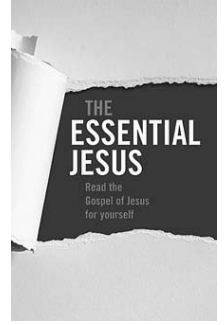




# ESSENTIAL JESUS Bible Study 11

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### STEP 1: READING

Read Luke chapter 6, verses 1-19.

### STEP 2: REFLECTION

Jesus perfectly kept the Law of God. He insisted on the true meaning of the Law, its inner heart rather than its mere outward observance. Humans often think that meticulous law-keeping will ingratiate us with God. In these two controversies about the Sabbath day, Jesus showed how the Law is interpreted and fulfilled, by observing the inner law of love. How can it be wrong to heal on the Sabbath day? But the really significant thing is the phrase 'Lord of the Sabbath.' He uses the majestic Son of Man title (Daniel 7), and he makes a stupendous claim to be the true interpreter of the Law. More than that. He introduced a new era in God's dealings with Israel and the world. We see him choosing twelve Apostles, like the twelve patriarchs of Israel. Now the Law itself has to be interpreted in and through Christ himself.

### STEP 3: DISCUSSION

1 What are some of the elements of God's Old Testament Law no longer directly applicable in the new era? What does still apply?

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2 How do you go about interpreting the Sabbath law though Christ?

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3 What is 'the law of love' and how do you use it to understand the will of God?

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