

**Worship Service**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

*Worship Song .....	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer .....	Presider	
Bible Reading .....	Luke 6:1-11 .....	Samuel Lebbie
Prayer .....	Haroon Wilson	
Announcement .....	Kurt Schwartz	
Offering Prayer .....	Presider	
Offering .....	Together	
Special Song .....	Worship Band	
Message .....	<b>Freedom from Legalism</b> .....	Timothy Hong
Closing prayer .....	Presider	

**Today's Sermon Outline**

**Freedom from Legalism**

Luke 6:1-11

**Apply every law in context**

Here in this text the Pharisees had trouble with Jesus' disciples. The Pharisees were upset when they saw the disciples picking some heads of grains and rubbing them and eating the kernels. The Pharisees thought that doing such a thing on the Sabbath was unlawful. And they challenged Jesus with this word: *Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?*

In responding to their challenge, Jesus told them another law in the Scripture. It was the law that only priests could eat the food in the house of God (Leviticus 24:1-9). But when David and his companions were hungry on the road they entered the house of God and were allowed to eat the food there (1 Samuel 21:1-6). In that case, God did not condemn their behavior as a violation of the law. So, if the law of the Sabbath was applied in the context of the whole Bible, the disciples would not have been guilty of violating the Sabbath law. Every law should be understood and applied in the whole context of the Scripture.

Are you often criticizing people around you with an angry voice like this? *"Why are you ignoring the rule? Why are you violating such a regulation?"* You may have the same problem as the Pharisees' which is legalism.

Try to apply every law and regulation to you and others in the whole context of the Bible. See God's law both in a specific word and in the whole context of the Bible. And you can keep yourself free from such legalism which always brings irritation and anger and makes your life miserable. You can be a softer and gentler person. You can be a peacemaker instead of being a trouble maker.

**Apply every law with love**

Although Jesus advised the Pharisees to apply the Sabbath law in the whole context of the Scripture, and to overcome their narrow-minded legalism, they did not accept the advice. They became even more furious at Jesus' interpretation and application of the law of the Sabbath. And they tried to find another way to attack Him. So, Jesus showed them the real point of keeping the law of the Sabbath.

On another Sabbath day, while the Pharisees were angry and upset, Jesus used God's blessing to heal a man with a shriveled hand. Then He said to them: *"I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"*

What Jesus is teaching by His action and word here is that practicing love is far more important than just keeping the law. The key point of all laws is to *"love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as love yourself"* (Matthew 22:34-40). It is more important to serve people with love and mercy than just judging people with the concept of right and wrong. To be free from legalism, you must judge people's behaviors through the true spirit of the law, which is loving God with all your heart and loving your neighbor as you love yourself. When you emphasize right and wrong in people's behavior or attitude more than loving people, you may become like the Pharisees here. You may become a killer of freedom and joy.

But when you follow Jesus' example and try to love people instead of judging them legalistically you can become a joy giver, you can become an encourager. Always apply Jesus' love to the treatment of others whose behavior or attitude may offend you

**Application Questions**

1. How can you maintain peace and joy in your life even if you have people whose behavior and attitude irritates you a lot?
2. Why is it important to interpret every law in the context of the whole Scripture?
3. How does Jesus help you become a peacemaker among people who negatively criticize each other with different views of the same issue?

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## Announcements

### Lunch Preparation

This week – Cermark Food (Delivered by Cathy Rose)

Next week –we need volunteers

\*Today’s fellowship cleaning turn is Asian group (Leader- Lyle Atonson)

### Parking on Sundays

\*All regular members are to park their cars at the Athletico building parking lot which is located at the Eastside to our church building.

\* Please do not park your car on the handicap parking space located behind the entrance door. A new family needs the space every Sunday. If you have any question of any parking matter, please contact Rolando Sanchez (773-727-0387)

### Thanksgiving Service and Celebration

Will be held on November 20 (Sunday). Please invite friends and neighbors to the event in advance. This year’s Thanksgiving offering will be used for the Cuba mission project.

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### Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (November)

Date	Group	Leader
Oct 30	College and Youth	Moses Sanchez
Nov 6	Spanish group	Lidia Lopez
Nov 13	Asian group	Lyle Atonson
Nov 20	African, American	Samuel Lebbie
Nov 27	College and Youth group	Moses Sanchez

### Ushers of the Month of November

<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Bethseida Rodriguez, Angelina Barrera, Blanka Guerra, Lyle Atonson
<b>Welcome Ushers</b>	Lidia Lopez, Haroon & Anayza Wilson

### Last Week’s Offering

<b>Tithe</b>	Eryln Balano//Tony & Rosanna Bokhari//Juanita Evans//Charles Gaines//Timothy Hong//Lidia Hong//Lidia & Raul Lopez//Patricia Lopez//Cathy Rose//Leiva Rolando Sanchez//Inok Rgu Song//Lina & Ender Carvajal
<b>Lord's Day</b>	Rene & Lynn Corachea//Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Rosalia Nazvaez//Andrea & Lucia Pascual//Guadalope Rodriguez//Bethsaida & Jada Rodriguez//Luz Socker//Joseph Song//Jennifer Song//Maria Marta Velasquez//Reyna Yanet Rosales
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Charles Gaines//Bok-Soon Kim
<b>Mission</b>	Eryn Corachea//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Timothy Hong//Lidia & Raul Lopez//Carlos Lopez

### Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 11-14-16	Ezekiel 22-23		James 2	
Tue 11-15-16	Ezekiel 24-26		James 3	
Wed 11-16-16	Ezekiel 27-28		James 4	
Thu 11-17-16	Ezekiel 29-31		James 5	
Fri 11-18-16	Ezekiel 32-33		1 Peter 1	
Sat 11-19-16	Ezekiel 34-35		1 Peter 2	
Sun 11-20-16	Ezekiel 36-37		1 Peter 3	

### Worship Services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

### Prayer Services

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106

Friday 8:00 PM

### Bible Study

Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM

Saturday 10:30 AM

### Cell Groups

Friday according to arrangement of each cell

### College Student Ministry

Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM

Campus group- Truman, Friday 1:00 PM

### Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

### Children’s Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

### ESF Band Practice

Sunday 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

## Missionaries

Nancy Campos – Campus ministry in Peru  
 Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic  
 Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India  
 Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines  
 Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA  
 Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa  
 Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia  
 Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe  
 Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA  
 Hae Taek Kown – Campus ministry in New York, USA

## Ministers

**Senior Pastor - Timothy Hong**

College Student Ministry – Ki Wang Song

Administration – Samuel Lebbie

Missions – Ho In Kim

Youth Ministry – Kurt Schwartz