Lesson 15

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit | Matthew 12:1-50

START MEETING

• What was Sunday like for you? What do you like best about Sunday? Least?

READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

- In Matthew 12:3-4, regarding the Sabbath, what is the point about David (see 1 Samuel 21:1-6)? How had the Pharisees neglected the meaning of "I desire mercy, not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6)?
- 2. What does Jesus imply by his claim in Matthew 12:8? How do the Pharisees react? How is their question in Matthew 12:10 a trap for Jesus?
- How did the people react to Jesus' healing of the demonpossessed, blind, and mute man? How did the Pharisees react? (Matthew 12:22-24)

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Sermon Series Bible Study

PASSAGE FOCUS

God wants to remove the wrong things from our lives and fill us with the right things, and that happens when we're continually filling ourselves with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

STUDY GUIDE

LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

4. What three defences does Jesus give in answer to the Pharisee' accusations (Matthew 12:26-27,29)?

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- 5. In Matthew 12:31-32, what is meant by "blasphemy against the Spirit"? How have the Pharisees committed this sin? Why is it impossible for this one sin to be forgiven?
- 6. A person who is reformed but neglectful of God's presence is prey to even greater evil. What does Jesus want from you, other than a heart "swept clean and put in order" (Matthew 12:44)?

CLOSE MEETING

- How important are your needs to God? When have you fallen into the trap of "offering sacrifice" but "neglecting mercy"? How can you work to reverse that this week?
- How do you enhance your fellowship with the Holy Spirit daily? What real differences does the power of the Spirit make in your daily struggles against evil?