

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. Read **Matthew 11:28-30**.

- What personally stands out to you?

- What does the term “yoke” mean to you?

- What do you believe this invitation implies about the outcome of following Jesus?

2. Is there any area of your life where you might be overemphasizing rules over people? How would your spouse, friends, or kids answer that question?

3. If you're a sinner, you're invited to FOLLOW Jesus. If you're already a follower, you're invited to YIELD to Jesus.

For those who are following Jesus, what does it mean to you to YIELD to Jesus?

4. What is your biggest personal takeaway from this weekend's talk?

MESSAGE NOTES

The Rest Of The Story // Week 3

*“The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of the people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.” **Mark 2:27***

God loves _____ more than his commandments.

MEMORY VERSE:

*Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!” **Mark 1:14-15***

*Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” **Mark 2:15-17***

*“No one would patch old clothing with new cloth. For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins.” **Mark 2:21-22***

*Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, “Come and stand in front of everyone.” Then he turned to his critics and asked, “Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy life?” But they wouldn't answer him. He looked at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus. **Mark 3:1-6***

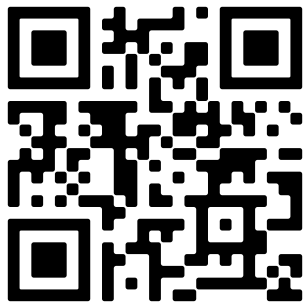
If you are a sinner, you're invited to _____ Jesus.

If you are a follower, you're invited to _____ to Jesus.

*“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” **Matthew 11:28-29***

PERSONAL NOTES

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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” *James 1:22*



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Many of our Groups are currently in session. We encourage you to take these questions home with you and **WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS**. Use it for personal study, or with your Group!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What role - if any - did rule-keeping play in your religious experience in the past?

2. Were you ever left with the impression that the rules were more important than the people expected to keep the rules? What did that look like?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Mark 2:15-17**.

- What stands out to you about these verses? Any observations?

- What do you think Jesus meant by “healthy” and “sick”?

2. Read **Luke 18:9-14**.

- Which character do you identify with the most? The Pharisee or the tax collector? Why?

- What encouragement do you find from this story of Jesus?