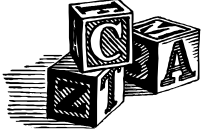


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for Healing of the Withered Hand - Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill? (Mark 3:1-6).



Basic Ideas from Mark 3:1-6.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the power for life that is in Christ Jesus.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose life over death.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in His resurrected life.

Basic Questions from Mark 3:1-6.

1. Are we willing to save life and do good, even if it appears contrary to man's understanding of the "law"?
2. "Have we fully appreciated the way in which God's kingdom burst in, through the work of Jesus, bringing a whole new domain in which new creation, and true redemption, had already arrived?" (Tom Wright, Mark for Everyone, 31).
3. "Are there ways in which the church today can get so blinded by its commitment to what appear necessary rules that it fails to see God's healing and restorative work breaking through?" (Tom Wright, Mark for Everyone, 31).
4. How can we recapture the principle of rest in a world gone crazy?

Basic Application from Mark 3:1-6.

1. The form of the Christian life must always bow before the essence of the Christian life. How does this idea mesh with, "To obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Sam. 15:22), and "You have left the weightier elements of the law" (Matt. 23:23)?
2. Is the ministry of WBC characterized by life or by death?
3. Is the ministry of WBC liberating or bondage forming?
4. Today let us with purpose send letters, emails, make phone calls, provide touches that produce life and lift burdens. May this week manifest the power of the cross in producing life in those who are dead.