

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
Does it Really Matter?
Part 2 The Importance and Value of the Sabbath
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Small Group Study for Week of Sept 26-Oct 2

The Big Idea

The Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath because He made the Sabbath. The Sabbath was a gift to human beings to help them keep their lives in balance with the One who made them and saved them. It is also a sign that we are allow Him to make us holy. In the last days there is a special message to the world that includes the need to worship the Creator.

Group Reads Genesis 2:1-3 and John 19:25-30

Questions:

1. Discuss what you learn about Jesus from these two passages (Jesus is the creator, see John 1:1,2,14)
2. Two central reasons for the Sabbath are found in the terms “finished,” in Gen 2 and “finished,” in John 19:28-30. Discuss what you see as the similarities and differences between the two reasons, the two very different ‘finishes’ described in these passages.
3. How does this affect your understanding of the Sabbath?

Group Reads Group Reads Ezekiel 20:12-14, 20-24

Comment: The Sabbath is given in the context of being a sign of a person being made holy. The context (Ezekiel 20-22) is also saying that desecrating the Sabbath leads to God’s judgement.

4. Discuss what you see as the importance of the Sabbath from these and other verses. Comment: “holy,” means set apart, special, when it comes to a person it also means being like God in our characters.
5. Discuss why you think God considers the Sabbath as a sign of holiness for His people?

Group Reads Revelation 14: 6-7

This passage describes a particular message that goes to the world at the end of time just before Christ comes again.

6. Three elements of the Sabbath are mentioned here - the gospel, judgement and creation. As a group identify the parts of the passage that outline those elements.
7. Why is worship such a big deal at the end of time? How do you see the Sabbath relating to worship?
8. What have you learnt about the Sabbath from the last two weeks sermons and studies?
9. This coming week at church we are going to discuss how we should keep the Sabbath day holy. From the last two weeks, can you think of some principles (not rules) that you have learnt that might be covered this coming week?