

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2026! Leading to Worship Sunday June 7, 2026*

### Reading: Luke 6:1-16

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we take a tag-team look at how to "sin boldly!", using our freedom in grace to move past our sense of earthly norms and do the work God has set before us. Click here: [\[video link goes here\]](#) Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- In our second week of the summer series, we look at two stories of Jesus and his disciples "breaking the rules" of the Sabbath. In the first instance, the disciples pluck wheat in a field, rub it, and eat the grain. The Pharisees protested, and Jesus responded (among other things), "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." (Luke 6:5)
- On another Sabbath Jesus was preaching in the synagogue when a man with a withered hand appeared. The Pharisees watched, ready to pounce if Jesus healed the man's hand (which would have been considered unlawful on the Sabbath).
- Jesus brought the man to stand in the middle, then challenged those watching. "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" (Luke 6:9) And Jesus healed the man's hand, and the Pharisees were filled with fury.

### Two Questions

- When the Pharisees were "ready to pounce," or were outraged by Jesus' miracle, were they honoring the Sabbath? In what ways do our own judgments of others move us further from, rather than closer to, God?
- Was Jesus "throwing away" the third commandment? Or was Jesus moving past human-made perceptions of what the commandment means? How does God's saving grace free us to do good works for him without fear of "getting it wrong?"

### Action Step

- Set aside earth-bound rules and conventions, and seize a moment to do good works for another. If you "wrong," sin boldly, for God loves you!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!