



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of November 7, 2021*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Luke 6:6-11

***6 On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. 8 But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. 9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" 10 And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. 11 But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.***

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

In our passage this week, we see that the Pharisees are far beyond simple unbelief. They are so filled with fury and hatred towards Jesus that they can no longer think clearly in order to understand the truth that is before them. Instead, they focus on their man-made rules and how Jesus is breaking them. In spite of this, Jesus does not give up, but continues to teach and show them the power of God and the truth of who He is.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think the Pharisees and Scribes were so antagonistic towards Jesus? What made Jesus so different from the religious leaders of His time?
2. The Pharisees hatred of Jesus blinded them to the truth. How does anger and hatred prevent us from thinking rationally and blind us to truth?
3. We heard in our sermon that the “heart precedes the mind” which means that our own personal desires impact our ability to think critically. Why is it important for us to know this about ourselves? How can Christians ensure that cognitive bias does not taint the way we interpret the Scriptures?
4. Jesus is always after our hearts rather than just our minds. Think about your own life - what is the true desire of your heart? Is it to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind? Or do you desire something else? How do you know?
5. Although we all deny Him, reject Him and seek for other things instead of Him, Jesus chose to go to the cross so that He could save us from our own depravity. How does a deepening understanding of this truth of Jesus’ love for you change your heart?