



## **PART 15: LEGALISM, LISCENSE, OR LIFE**

Religious conservatism often leads to legalism. Religious progressivism often leads to license. Jesus confronts both. and offers the path that leads to life.

### **SCRIPTURES**

John 5:8-18

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

These questions are a guide to get the conversation started in your group or home; don't feel like you have to ask everything below! As long as you're having a conversation you're headed in the right direction. Feel free to adjust the questions to fit the needs of your group.

1. Read John 5:8-18
2. What do the religious leaders' objections reveal about their sense of values?
3. How does Jesus understand the Sabbath? (Read Genesis 2:2-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Mark 2:27-28)
4. Sabbath was meant to be life giving but the religious leaders had turned it into a legalistic practice. In what ways do we drift into legalism in our faith today? Is there anywhere this is particularly difficult for you?
5. Its easy to over-correct in response to religious legalism and move into religious license, where we take the parts of faith we like and ignore the parts we don't. In what ways do you do you see this taking place in our faith today? Is there anywhere this is particularly difficult for you?
6. Jesus doesn't want us drifting into legalism or license. He wants us on the path that leads to life. What does this path look like?

### **ADDITIONAL READING**

Matthew 11:28-30, Isaiah 1:11-17, Hosea 6:6, Matthew 23:23-24

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