

## “What Makes Jesus Mad?”

Mark 2.23-3.6

- A. Jesus is Lord, even of the Sabbath.
- B. Jesus heals on the Sabbath.
- C. Jesus gets angry at the hard-heartedness of the Pharisees.
- D. Signs I have a hard heart:
  - 1. I’m quick to point out others’ wrongs before my own.
  - 2. I can’t see the good in others.
  - 3. I won’t listen to differing views.
  - 4. I don’t feel anything about the stuff I should.

### E. The end result of a hard heart:

*...whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.* Proverbs 28:14

*[Hardhearted people] are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.*

Ephesians 4:17–19 (NLT)

### F. How do we get a hard heart?

#### FEAR

#### ANGER

### G. Solutions for softening our hard heart:

#### 1. CONFESSION

*If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.* 1 John 1.10 NLT

#### 2. Catalog God’s GOODNESS

*Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don’t you remember?”* Mark 8.17-18

*As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—though I know not how to relate them all.* Psalm 71.14-15

#### 3. LOVE OTHERS

*... Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.* Philippians 2.1-4 (NLT)



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?