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BIG IDEA | When you miss the point, you start pointing at what you missed.

Matthew 12:1-14 (NLT)

¹ At about that time Jesus was walking through some grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, so they began breaking off some heads of grain and eating them. ² But some Pharisees saw them do it and protested, “Look, your disciples are breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath.”

³ Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He went into the house of God, and he and his companions broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. ⁵ And haven’t you read in the law of Moses that the priests on duty in the Temple may work on the Sabbath? ⁶ I tell you, there is one here who is even greater than the Temple! ⁷ But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”

⁹ Then Jesus went over to their synagogue, ¹⁰ where he noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, “Does the law

permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.)

¹¹ And he answered, "If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn't you work to pull it out? Of course you would. ¹² And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath."

¹³ Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one! ¹⁴ Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus.

Ritual leads to rejection.

Relationship leads to response.

Ritual leads us to being conceited or defeated.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. Do the desperate times in your life drive you towards God or away from him? What are some ways you can be sure they drive you towards him?
2. How has God responded to you in your darkest, most broken moments?
3. How have you responded to others in their darkest, most broken moments?
4. What areas do you feel like you need more faith in?
5. What have you allowed to define you other than God? How desperate are you for healing in this area; what are you willing to reveal?