## REVIEW THE TEXT: WHERE DID WE LEARN?

Matthew 12:9-21

## REVIEW THE SERMON: WHAT DID WE LEARN?

**Context**
Even the conflict swirling around Jesus affirms Him as the exclusive Messiah. No person ever has or will be saved by keeping a Law. The essence of the Gospel is that no one receives salvation through his own effort. In great contrast to the Pharisees, Jesus correctly interpreted and perfectly lived God's righteous standards.

**Main Points**

**Behold, God's servant**

1. The context (9-10)
2. The content (11-13)
3. The conclusion (14-21)

**Interpretative Points**
*But the Pharisees*
Unlike the amazed and worshipping crowd, the Pharisees leave the synagogue in order to kill the Miracle-Worker.

"Legalism ends in hatred for a substitute righteousness…(it) undermines His identity, it explains away His ministry, it diminishes His power…it will go to any length to discredit Jesus. You were born one of these. You were born wanting to earn your own salvation."

## MAKE APPLICATION: HOW HAVE I OBEYED WHAT I LEARNED?

- Do you think God is well-pleased with you this week? Why or why not?

- Why does hope in Christ lead you to pursue holiness? What could motivate us to deny ourselves and fight sin and suffer if we don't earn God's favor with those things?

- What are some indications that our hope and confidence is in our obedience? That we trust and depend on our own acts of goodness instead of Christ's?