

Title: Unstuck: Stuck in Religion // **Scripture:** Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11, Matthew 12:9-14

ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME *15-20 minutes*

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

SERMON REVIEW *5-10 minutes*

When we look at the present-day Church, in many ways it seems that it's missing Christ. When we look at Jesus in the gospels, He's not just bringing religion, he's bringing a transformative Kingdom. He's not fitting into the religious world of His day. In this story, Jesus does something different—He heals the man right in front of everyone. The Pharisees had wondered if He would heal on the Sabbath, but Jesus was healing the Sabbath. The man with the withered hand was hoping for a word from God, Jesus was helping with the work of God, and the Pharisees were standing in the way of God.

THE MAIN THOUGHT *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

The biggest threat to the Christian movement is not a world opposed to Christian morals but a form of Christianity that has missed Christ.

SEE IT – Questions *10-15 minutes*

Picture (What is the story saying?): What were the Pharisees hoping that Jesus would do? What was the man hoping that Jesus would do? What was Jesus doing? What were the Pharisees doing?

Mirror (Where am I in the story?): When have I been in an unrestful situation and just needed God to say something to me? (Exodus 2:24-25) Where is a place in my life that I need to move from having faith IN Jesus to operating with the faith OF Jesus? Are there places where I'm standing in the way of God, instead of making way for God?

Window (How does the story change how I see those around me?): Since I have been met by God's grace, where do I now need to act out that grace in my relationships?

BE IT – Practice

Change UP // Exercise *15 minutes*

Set a timer for two minutes. Ask the Lord to show you places in your heart that are withered. Let him guide you to places you are blind to. Open your heart and hands, inviting God to have his way with you.

Change IN // Group Activity *5 minutes*

As a group, talk about the love of Jesus and the lordship of Jesus and how those two things are working in your personal lives, as well as in your community. Identify places that need to be brought into balance.

Change OUT // Life Application Assignment *5 minutes*

If you haven't connected with Grace Snellville Worship on Spotify yet, visit <http://bit.ly/2reR6VS>. Let it encourage your heart as you seek to live Unstuck from Religion.

CLOSING PRAYER *5 minutes*

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.