

Sermon Description: The Rested Body

Sabbath: the once-a-week rhythm of spending a whole day abandoning busyness to rest in God's goodness. If you would keep the Sabbath, the Sabbath would keep you.

- 1. Sabbath means resting in God's control. (Genesis 2:2-3)
- 2. Sabbath means resting in God's care. (Exodus 20:8-11)
- 3. Sabbath means resting in Jesus Christ. (Mark 2:27-28)

Group Opener: Jim started the message with the story of Tattoo the dog who got his leash caught in a car door. He pulled along at 25 miles an hour until a motorcycle police officer stopped the car. When was the last time that you felt out of control and dragged along (no time for rest/sabbath).

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read out loud the points of the sermon (see above). What encouraged you the most from the message?
- 2. Read the 4th of the Ten Commandments Exodus 20:8. The other commandments are just a few words, however the sabbath commandment has a lot more explanation. Why do you think God did this?
- 3. How does control play into Sabbath keeping?
- 4. Have someone explain Jim's illustration of the Kaddish Cup. This explains how sabbath helps fill your cup/soul and then it overflows into the saucer which represents the rest of life. Have each person rate themselves on how they are doing with observing the sabbath.
- 5. Sabbath ultimately points to Jesus. Describe how you experience rest in Jesus. Pray for one another to establish a weekly rhythm of Sabbath with God.

Memory Verse "For whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his." **Hebrews 4:10**

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