

Week #4: Remember the Sabbath

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"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

Exodus 20:8-11 (NIV)

The Sabbath invites me to:

- ______
- Delight in good and be _____ of God's presence.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

On the Sabbath I acknowledge:

- Even though the work is *not* done, God offers me rest.
- I want to look to God for leadership, and the ______is not on my shoulders.

The Sabbath positions me:

• To ______ with God.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

• To wait _____ God and wait _____ God.

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Exodus 14:14 (NIV)

• To remember _____ God is, _____ we are, and _____ we are to live in this world.

Discussion Questions

- 1. In what ways do you feel you're embracing a Sabbath in your life this season?
- 2. In general, how tired, exhausted, fatigued or weary do you feel? What is making your load feel heavy right now?
- 3. In what ways do you feel you're resisting a Sabbath? Do you know why that's the case?
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Recommended Resources

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