

IRRELIGIOUS

LIVE OUTSIDE THE BOX

10.13.13

PART SIX

Matthew 12 & 15

1. (Matthew 12:1-14) What is the purpose and point of the Sabbath? Why did the “box” of the Pharisees cause them to misunderstand and misuse the Sabbath? How and why did Jesus see it differently?
2. (Matthew 12:7) When God says, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice” what does he mean?
3. How does a desire for uniformity sometimes undermine true unity? What’s the difference?
4. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus once they realized he was living outside the box? (Matthew 12:14)
5. (Matthew 15:1-3) How can past traditions keep us from seeing God?
6. (Matthew 15:14-18) When is tradition good? When does it become a box that blinds us?
7. On a scale of 1 to 10, are we religious clones (1) or disciples of Jesus (10) or somewhere in between? Please, explain your answer. What can we do to become more like Jesus?