

## The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 12 Worksheet

Before you read Chapter 12, write a brief summary of what you read in Chapter 11.

According to Dictionary.com, Sabbath is “the seventh day of the week, Saturday, as the day of rest and religious observance among Jews and some Christians. Ex. 20:8–11. 2. the first day of the week, Sunday, similarly observed by most Christians in commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ. 3. any special day of prayer or rest resembling the Sabbath: *Friday is the Muslim Sabbath*. 4. ( *sometimes lowercase* ) a period of rest.”

**Read Exodus 20:8-11:** <sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.

Based on the dictionary.com definition and the Exodus scripture, what SHOULD you be doing on the Sabbath? What does the scripture prohibit you from doing?

What do you think the purpose of the Sabbath Commandment is? Do you believe Jesus and/or his disciples were violating this commandment? Why or why not?

Why do you think the Pharisees accused him of breaking the Sabbath? (If necessary, refer to information on Sadducees and Pharisees below.

What do you think this commandment means for you? How do you “keep the Sabbath” and how should you “keep the Sabbath”?