

Sermon Notes – September 4, 2016
“Labor Day All Year Round”
Exodus 20:8-11 and
Deuteronomy 5:12-15
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While the command is the same, note the different rationales given for observing the Sabbath in these two passages.

- What hinders people from recognizing their need for rest? What price do we pay for ignoring this need?
- What are some signs that a person is becoming a slave to their work? In what ways does our culture encourage this slavery?

See Mark 2:23-28, and put verse 27 in your own words.

- Jesus addresses the Pharisees' legalistic observance of the Sabbath; the opposite would be to regard the Sabbath as just another day. What are some contemporary examples of each? Toward which of these would you be more prone?

Leviticus 23:3 declares the Sabbath to be a day for a “sacred assembly,” the gathering of God’s people for a time of worship.

- If all of life is to be an expression of worship to God, what is the value of setting aside part of one particular day for doing this with other people?