



Sermon Discussion Guide

Confronting Jesus - Tim Knipp

October 19, 2025

Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- How do you deal with confrontation?
- What happens internally when you witness or are in the middle of a conflict?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
- **Read Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Mark 2:23-3:6**
- What stood out to you from reading these passages together?
- Why do you think God highlights the reason for the sabbath in Deuteronomy?
- How do you see Jesus bringing this to completion in Mark?
- What does 3:1-6 tell us about what Jesus' lordship over the sabbath looks like?
- Why do you think that Jesus brought the man to stand in the middle?
- What do you think Jesus was saying to the community by bringing this person on the fringe of the community to the center?

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- Tim highlighted for us the connection to Exodus and Pharaoh's stubborn heart in this passage. How do we live into the practices that are meant to soften our hearts (i.e. sabbath), without misconstruing their purpose?
- Who might Jesus have stand in the middle of Hillcrest?
- What do you think Jesus wants us to hear from these passages?

Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*



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- List the flow of a typical Sunday for you.
 - Next to each item, write out a prayer of gratitude for the ways in which those pieces challenge you to have a soft heart.
 - Then write out what you think God might want to challenge to be in line with doing good and saving life.
 - As you are able, share what shifts will happen this next Sunday.

Time of Prayer