

## **“Hard Hearts”**

### **Mark 3:1-6**

#### **I. Pharisees’ Flaws (vs. 1-4)**

- A. Valued their status in the community more than pointing people to God.
- B. Their religion was more about outward form than genuine faith.
- C. Elevated man-made rules to the level of Scripture

#### ***Exodus 20:8-11:***

***<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep 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, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”***

***Mark 2:27-28, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath”***

*In their stubbornness they preferred to keep their mouths closed rather than open their hearts and change their traditions.*

#### **II. Jesus’ response to harden hearts (vs. 5)**

- A. Jesus grieves over our prideful hardness of heart.
- B. Jesus provides us a potential “aha” moment for repentance

#### **III. A bold stand will see immediate pushback (vs. 6)**