

do away with Jesus (3:6)?

6. Why do you think Jesus did not play it safe and wait until the next day to heal the man?
  
7. What does "hard heartedness" look like? Are there symptoms of this in our own hearts?
  
8. Why were Jesus' responses of anger and grief fitting? How should we respond when we encounter similar forms of hard heartedness?

**Let's Pray:**

# Sermon Notes

"Jesus Confronts Hardened Hearts"

Mark 3:1-6

June 15, 2025

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 06-15-2025

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## Getting Started:

1. The saying “the same sun that melts wax hardens clay” illustrates how the same external factor (like heat from the sun) can have different effects on different materials or people, depending on their individual nature or circumstances. When have you observed someone softened and another hardened by the same thing?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 3:1-6.

2. What caused the tension in the synagogue (3:1-6)? What were the leaders concerned about? What was Jesus' concern?
3. What is ironic about the Pharisees' reaction to Jesus' healing on the Sabbath (3:1-6)?
4. What was it about the Pharisees' attitude that so distressed Jesus?
5. **For Thought and Discussion:** What significance do you see in the fact that the Pharisees were willing to plot with their archenemies, the Herodians, as to how they might