

**SABBATH IN THE CORNFIELD**  
**Matt. 12: 1-8**

**I. Christ's Claim To Authority.**

- a. Reveals the poverty of these men, hungry and nothing with which to buy.
- b. Christ was too poor to buy food for them.
- c. They were engaged in missionary work at the time they were hungry and without money.
- d. Christ must test His soldiers. (Use illustration of present army maneuvers.

**II. Relation Of Christ As His Disciples.**

- a. The disciples knew Christ's attitude and were not afraid to pluck the corn on the Sabbath.
- b. Their identify was so close that Christ and not the disciples was criticized for this action.
- c. Christ assumed responsibility for their action, identified Himself with the actions of His disciples.

**III. How Christ Justified The Action Of The Disciples.**

- a. Reminded David was the showbread. (Emphasize reference to David---Illustrate.)
- b. The priest who ministered in the temple. The law of necessity.
- c. Pointed out their ignorance. Verse 7. We have mercy as well as sacrifice. Vindicated them by Himself. Verse 8. He followed God's purpose of being merciful.