

**Home Group Discussion Questions
For Sunday, November 2, 2008
Sermon: "The Radical Sabbatical"
Preacher: Richard Davis
Text: Leviticus 25:1-7**

The Book of Leviticus is a primary resource for Jewish religious rites, legal codes, and dietary regulations. It is the "how to" book for kosher living and worshiping God. Here we find God's design for preserving health and ordering life, both individually and corporately. These are things we no longer practice, but we might be better off if we did!

- 1.) God's ordained that every seventh year be a year of rest in order to preserve His creation and His children. As you study this passage, what benefits do you find for improving our lives and saving our resources?**
- 2.) Do you think the Levitical principles were intended only for farming, or do they have other applications? Are there financial principles here, and, if so, are they still relevant and realistic today?**
- 3.) Do you see any significance in the numbers six and seven? Or are these merely arbitrary figures meant to provide a guideline?**
- 4.) Do you see the sabbatical year as a divinely imposed rest, given to restrain overworking? Or does it have other purposes?**
- 5.) How can the sabbatical principle be interpreted and applied in our own society and work structure?**
- 6.) What would happen if we observed this rule today?**
- 7.) Biblical scholars tell us the sabbatical rulings were an ideal but most likely never observed by the Jews. If that's true, why do you think the Jews refused to institute them?**
- 8.) Where do you find *real* rest in your own life? What price are we paying for our work patterns?**