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1) What's been the best/worst boss you have worked for?

2) Read Matthew 12:1-21. What's surprising, confusing or frustrating about this passage?

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until He brings justice to victory" ~Matthew 12:20

3) How do you see yourself in the Pharisees tendency to focus on the law? How do you confront sin, failure or injustice? What tools are in your toolbox?

4) What is Jesus saying about God's law in vs. 7, 9-14? How do you tend to think of God's law? How do our neighbors see God's law? What does your attempts to change people say about your functional beliefs about the law? How does a false understanding of the law make you less loving?

5) How does Jesus fulfill Isaiah 42? What is a bruised reed? How does Jesus work justice for bruised reeds? How is Jesus the better boss?

"There is more mercy in Christ than there is sin in you." ~Richard Sibbes

6) Take time to pray that God would make you gentle and lowly in heart, like your Gentle and Humble Savior. Pray for the Spirit to help you use God's law lovingly. Pray that the Holy Spirit would create a culture of grace at Hope Church, to lovingly confront and motivate faithfulness to Jesus.