

YOU ASKED FOR IT

What Do We Do with the Old Testament Law?

YOU
ASKED
FOR IT

SERMON NOTES:

1. What's the purpose of the Law?

2. So what does it mean for Jesus to fulfill the Law?

a. All of the laws could be fulfilled by the great command: We are to

_____ and _____.

b. Where Israel _____ Jesus brought the story to its

_____.

3. So what do we do with all these Laws in the Old Testament that Jesus brought to fulfillment?

a. _____ aspects of the Law

b. _____ aspects of the Law

Jesus is more about the _____ of the law and not simply the
_____ compliance.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Open your group/family in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions and Next Steps above, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the three essential questions at the end.

1. What are some differences between laws in the Bible and laws today?
2. Like Aaron with the golden calf (Exodus 32), it's tempting to minimize our own participation in rebellion. In your opinion, what motivates us to do this?
3. Why is it audacious for Peter to call his readers "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's treasured possession" (1 Peter 2:9-10)?
4. Choose a law given at Sinai and discuss how you could express its wisdom in your current cultural context (e.g., Exodus 21:33; 22:29; or 23:4-5).
5. "Faith is not just private and salvation is not just personal." What evidence can you give for this from your experience?
6. How can you take more seriously your identity as a member of a whole community of those who belong to Jesus? What would it look like to participate more fully?
7. What do we have to gain by looking at life and death through the biblical worldview lens that asks the questions: Where do I come from? | What's wrong with the world? | What's the solution? | Where am I going?"

THREE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

If you have more time, the following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message!

1. **What do you think?** How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking? What point in this message was most impactful for you?
2. **What will you do?** How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?
3. **How can you help others in your group?** How can you encourage, affirm, pray for, and keep accountable the commitments they put into practice?

KIDS' DISCUSSION:

With a GPS, it can be difficult to get lost. However, relying on technology that could be incorrect might steer you in the wrong direction. Show your kids a road map.

The reason we use maps or GPS systems is so we can find our way. To get where we are going, we have to follow the rules. We have to drive the speed limit. We stop at red lights and stop signs. Why is it important to follow driving rules? [They keep us safe and allow us to reach our destination.] What happens if I do not follow the directions? [You will not reach the place you want to go.]

Tell your kids a quick story about a time when you got lost or were driving and did not follow the rules. God gave the Israelites some rules called the Ten Commandments. These Commandments would be The Law that everyone in the nation would follow. These laws were given to the people by God to protect them, to set them apart from the other nations, and to teach them how to live for God.

- What happens if you decide to not follow the rules in our home? [consequence]
- What happens if you decide to not follow the rules of our nation? [go to court, pay a fine, or go to prison]
- What happens if you decide not to follow God's rules? [Consequences still happen when we disobey God, but it might not happen right away.]
- If you choose to go against God's rules, will you have a good relationship with Him? [No]

The Bible tells us that even if you keep ALL of the commandments and break just one, that you have broken all of them. We are sinners. We are not perfect. Jesus chose to take our punishment because He can follow the entire law without messing up. He took your punishment. What a great gift! He did it because He loves you. Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" His answer was: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and the second is love your neighbor as yourself. Those two commands wrap up all of the other ten: Love God, and then Love people.

God is not trying to make your life miserable. He wants to protect you from situations or decisions that could hurt you. If you decided to break God's rule for stealing, you could end up in jail for a long time. That would mess up your life and your relationships with people. God wants to bless you and often, He blesses when you choose to obey Him. The purpose of the law is to show us our sin and why we need Jesus. When we live for Jesus and obey the best we can, we can live a life that glorifies God.