## THE CHRISTIAN & GOD'S LAW

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1	How would you respond to someone who said, "The Old Testament is just a bunch of rules, but Jesus did away with all that." Look at Mat thew 5:17-20 for help answering that question. Discuss meaningful truthes from Sunday's message.		
2	Take a moment to consider some ways God has used His Law in your life.		
	♥ Where did a knowledge of God's law lead you?		
	♥ If you have been a Christian for a long time, do you feel as if you are better or worse at keeping God's commandments?		
3	Take time to discuss the place of God's law in your life. Can we be justified by the law? Read Rom. 3:20, Gal. 2:16. Why or why not?		
	What are the purposes of the law? (Luke 24:44, Romans 3:19-31)		
	♀ How is the love and care of God displayed in the law? (Deuteronomy 6:24, Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Romans 13:8–10)		
	How do you view God's laws – as a barrier or a protective fence, as a burden or a gift? And, why?		

4	<b>Read Matthew 5:17-18.</b> Jesus said that not one jot or tittle (the smallest stroke or the smallest letter) in the law would pass away until all was fulfilled.		
	K How did Jesus fulfill the law? How did it point to him?		
	Passages to consider: John 5:39, 46, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 1:20, Romans 10:4, John 1:14, Romans 8:1-4		
5	Read the story of the rich young ruler and his encounter with Jesus in Matthew 19:16-22.  After reading the account, do you think that people today deceive themselves as to whether they are keeping God's commandments? Why do you think that is?		
	♥ In what ways do you see your own heart decieved in similar ways? In what ways do you take comfort in the commands you think you are keeping and miss other commands…even missing the purpose of God's law altogether?	PRAYER REQUESTS	