

## THE GOSPEL OF LUKE FOLLOWING THE FULFILLMENT

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scripture

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified[a] by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love." Galatians 5:1-6 (ESV)

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### Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share a high and a low.
- What's the weirdest part of the Old Testament?

### Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Luke 16:14-18. In your People's Bible Commentary: Luke, go to p. 182 and read from "With verses 16 to 18" to end of the section.
- Read Luke 16:14-18. In what way does this passage speak to a larger theological issue than money or marriage?

### Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Use a question from N.T. Wright's "Luke: For Everyone" (pg. 99).
- If you had to explain what the "fulfillment" of the Old Testament Law means, how would you do? Can you explain why we obey some of the Old Testament and not other (sometimes very weird) parts?  
*A: While there's not one go-to verse, the New Testament as a whole teaches that Jesus completed our need to follow the OT Civil laws (for the nation of Israel) AND Ceremonial temple worship laws. It upholds the Moral Law (ex: 10 Commandments).*
- In Galatians, Paul rebuked an early group who tried to force people to obey all of the Jewish laws (particularly circumcision) in addition to believing in Jesus for salvation. Why would obedience + Jesus = salvation undermine what Jesus did at the cross?
- Is the OT Law true? Scripture? Helpful? Good? Binding on us?

### Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Read the books of Hebrews and Galatians this week. Debrief with your LIFEGroup Trio next week.
- Think about how you would respond if someone asked you why Christians don't sacrifice animals, or have priests, etc.

### Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- God, help me to have faith in you and nothing else. Help me to be mentally sharp and prepared to answer questions about the Old Testament, so that a barrier might be removed that for many is confusing, and keeps them from seeking you. Amen."

### Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three for 15 minutes:

1. How did you see God at work in your life this week?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians?
4. Pray for one another.