

## Small Group Guide: "No Longer Under the Law"

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### Key Scripture References

- Deuteronomy 30:11, 19-20   - James 2:8-10   - Leviticus 19:18
- Romans 6:14; 7:12   - Matthew 13:52   - John 14:9

### Discussion Questions

1. The pastor mentioned that Torah is "God's self-disclosure." What does this phrase mean? How does viewing God's commandments as revelation rather than restriction change your perspective?
2. Read Deuteronomy 30:11. Moses says the commandments are "not too difficult for you." How does this compare with how you've traditionally viewed Old Testament law? What makes it seem difficult or accessible?
3. The message explained that transgression (Hebrew: PASA') means "conscious, willful rebelling" with an attitude of not trusting God. How is this different from simply making a mistake or falling short?
4. Discuss James 2:8-10 in light of the message's explanation. How does showing favoritism or neglecting the poor demonstrate a deeper issue of not trusting God's ways? Can you think of modern examples?
5. The "Royal Law" is to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). Why is this considered the "supreme rule"? How do all other commandments hang on loving God and loving others?

6. What does it mean practically to be "no longer under the law" (Romans 6:14) while still valuing Torah as "holy, righteous, and good" (Romans 7:12)? How do you navigate this balance?

7. The pastor said, "There is a huge difference between being under the law compared to living by the holy wisdom and instruction that Torah contains." What is that difference? How have you experienced this in your own faith journey?

8. How did Yeshua demonstrate living out Torah "in love and truth"? What specific examples from the Gospels come to mind?

9. Read John 14:9. If seeing Yeshua means seeing the Father, what does Yeshua's life teach us about God's heart behind His commandments? What does it teach us about Yeshua's action, behavior and interactions with people?

### Key Takeaways

- ✓ Torah reveals God's character rather than simply restricting behavior
- ✓ Transgression is about trust – willfully choosing our way over God's way
- ✓ All commandments hang on love – love for God and love for neighbor
- ✓ God transforms us internally – we're no longer under penalty but empowered by the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Torah is spiritual, not just external – it's meant to transform how we see and interact with the world