



Life Group Guide

A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 6

CHAPTER 6: GOD'S LAW

KEY TOPICS: CONSCIENCE | USES OF THE LAW | CATEGORIES OF SIN | REACTION TO EVIL

READING & RESOURCES

Read before Life Group

- Kolb - Chapter 6, "God's Law"

Read at Life Group

- Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5:1-22 (Exodus 20:1-17); 6:1-9; 21:22-23

Additional Sources

- "The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel," C.F.W. Walther (shorter version is Walther's "God's No and God's Yes")
- Chapter 3 of "Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess: An introduction to Doctrinal Theology" by Steven Mueller

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Kolb says "God's Law cannot give life." How does that inform our discussions with those outside our faith community? How about inside our faith community?
2. The conscience is a channel that God's Law can speak through. What are some of the reasons that it can be wrong and err? What should we do when we are unsure our conscience is pointing us the correct way?
3. We often describe three uses or functions of the Law. Curbing evil, revealing sinfulness, and as a rule. Of the first two, which one is internal and which one is external? In what ways do we need both in our following Jesus?
4. How can the "curb" use of the Law turn us into Pharisees? How can that hurt our relationship with God and others?
5. The instructive use of the Law, or third use called a "rule", Kolb also refers to as a "command". How do you use scripture to inform your day to day actions? How do you use scripture when facing decisions?
6. The Law always accuses. How much time do you spend accusing others instead of trying to help give them life?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

LIFE APPLICATION

A fun exercise in seminary is looking at different scriptures and then trying to determine if that verse is a "law" verse (demand, threat) or a "gospel" verse (forgiveness, promise). Look at the following scriptures and see which one is which; Romans 1:16; Hebrews 10:25; John 3:16; Galatians 3:14; Ephesians 5:22, 25; Revelation 19:11. Now look at your favorite verse or passage and figure out which parts are Law or Gospel.

