

Message Series Group Discussion

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Series	All Things
Sermon/Date	No One Takes You Captive - April 30 - May 1, 2022
Main Idea/Summary	Law is easier than Love but Love is greater than Law
Scriptures	Colossians 2: 6-23; Colossians 3: 1,2

QUESTIONS																					
About God	Why do you think God first gave us laws in the Old Testament, then grace through Jesus Christ? When people think about God, do you think most view God in terms of laws or grace?																				
About Me	Whether you had a church background or not, what religious/church “rules” were you aware of as a child? What impact did these rules have on your behavior or on your view of God?																				
Community	Was/is there anyone whose example you would like to follow? Is your desire to emulate that person based on their actions, their attitude, or both?																				
Mission	Brett said that “law is easier than love.” Are there any rules that you are following that you resent, or that are self-imposed? What can you do about this?																				
Action	<p>Consider the following comparison of law and love. Which area/s strike a chord with you, and offer you an invitation for change?</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Law:</td> <td>1. Self-referenced</td> <td>Love:</td> <td>1. Grace-referenced</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2. Focus on action</td> <td></td> <td>2. Looks at motivation</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3. Based on minimums</td> <td></td> <td>3. Based on overflowing thankfulness</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>4. Legal accountability</td> <td></td> <td>4. Relational accountability</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>5. Fear and pride</td> <td></td> <td>5. Freedom and humility</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Law:	1. Self-referenced	Love:	1. Grace-referenced		2. Focus on action		2. Looks at motivation		3. Based on minimums		3. Based on overflowing thankfulness		4. Legal accountability		4. Relational accountability		5. Fear and pride		5. Freedom and humility
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