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WEEK OF March 11 – March 17 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide for you to **experience Christ together.**

Prayer: Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

Bible Study:

1. Pastor Vance taught out of Exodus 20:1-18 on why God gave us the Law. The Big Idea being, *“God’s laws are not given to earn a relationship; they are given to lead us to Jesus so that we may enjoy a relationship with him.”*
 - a. **How is this idea different from your previous understanding of why God gave us rules?**
 - b. **What does this tell us about God?**
2. The first thing we talked about out of the Big Idea was, *“God’s law is not given to earn a relationship.”* Out of this we learned that before God made the rules known to his people, he first invited them into a relationship with Himself. This showed us that the basis of their relationship wasn’t keeping the rules, but faith.
 - a. **What does it mean that the basis of our relationship with God is founded on faith?**
 - b. **How were people in the Old and New Testament saved? Were they different or the same? Explain.**
3. Secondly, Pastor Vance taught, *“God’s law is given to lead us to a relationship.”* From this point we saw from Galatians 3:24 that the law was given to be a teacher to us in order that we may be led to Christ. In short, the law shows us what we cannot do and what God has done through Christ.
 - a. **How does the Law show us what we cannot do, or how does it function as a “mirror”?**
 - b. **What does the Law show us about Christ and his work on the cross? How does this apply to us?**
4. Finally, we wrapped up the sermon by talking about how, *“God’s law teaches us how to enjoy the relationship.”* This point showed us that God’s laws are not simply do’s and don’ts, but rather they are guidelines to protect and lead us to the fullest experience of himself and life.
 - a. **How does this alter your view of God’s Word in your life?**
 - b. **How do God’s commandments guide and guard us?**

Practical Application: How can you have a conversation this week with someone who has a misconstrued view of God’s Law?