# The Law of Grace

**Focus**  The law has not passed away. It has a purpose for every person, including believers.

**Open**  What were your best and worst subjects in school? Are there any subject(s) you would like to learn now?

**Read**  As believers, we are saved by grace through faith and are no longer "under" the law. Yet the law has not passed away and serves a purpose in our lives. The law helps us see our need for Jesus, reflects God's opinions about moral issues, shows us the way to go and helps us measure our progress.

**Talk**

1. In Galatians 3:24–25, Paul explains that the law helped to lead us to Christ. Does this role of the law change after we become saved? Why or why not?

2. *"The law reflects the parameters of God's desires, but does not reflect the parameters of His love."*                                  ~ Pastor Robert Morris

   a. Practically, what does this statement mean? Give an example.

   b. Have you ever felt that God's love for you was lost or damaged because you had broken His law in some way? How do you feel about it now?

3. Psalm 119:105 says that God's Word (the law) is meant to guide us in life. How will we live differently if we view God's Word as a weapon that will be used against us when we mess up vs. a guiding light and moral compass?

**Live**

1. The law is a measure to show each of us how well we're doing. For the believer, it's like taking a test that God doesn't grade but gives us Jesus' test score instead.

   a. Will the truths about the purpose of the law change how you read, understand or apply the Bible? In what way?

   b. Do these truths change how you will approach and talk to God after you have "messed up"? How so?

**Pray**

As a group or in pairs, express your thanks to God for always giving you a perfect "grade" because of Jesus' sinless life and sacrifice. If there are things in your life you have been hesitant to talk to God about because you've felt like you were failure, etc., take a few minutes to talk to Him about them now. Ask Him to change your life by giving you even greater understanding of His grace.