

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **Church 101**

Sermon Title: **The Purpose of God's Law**

Scripture Passage: **1 Timothy 1:5-11**

Getting Started

- 1) Read 1 Timothy 1:5-11 together. How has God been challenging you through this week's sermon?

- 2) What is the purpose of the Law for the believer?

- 3) Pastor Jerry makes a very important point when he states that the Law was never intended to save. Looking back at the Israelites, the law was given to them only after their miraculous redemption from Egypt. The law was a gift to them. In the Ancient Near Eastern (ANE) culture, the most important aspect of the deity was how they could be pacified and served. For the Israelites, YHWH did not make them guess what he expected, he told them. The Ten Commandments (or ten words since in Hebrew they are literally ten words) were given to show what YHWH really cared about. As was traditional in ANE times, the ten words were not just a set of rules, but more guidelines that became a binding agreement between both parties and an act of respect. In other words, Israel was entering a treaty with YHWH. Looking forward in the New Testament, this is why Jesus can say that the sin of murder is not just the act but the hating of a brother. As 21st century believers, we know that the Law cannot save, but it does still show us God's heart.

What does the Law of Moses teach us about God's character and what he desires for us?

- 4) How does the Law lead us and others to Christ?

- 5) Pray for one another, the world, and our Church