

# **Building Blocks**

## **The Law**

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**Big Idea: Jesus does what the law could never do – he gives us new hearts and empowers us to fully love God and love others.**

**Why are there so many rules in the Bible?**

**Matthew 5:17**

**Genesis 2:8-9**

**Genesis 2:15-17**

**1. The more humans disobey, the more laws God gives.**

**Genesis 17:1**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

**Exodus 24:3**

**Ezekiel 36:26-27**

**2. Disobedience is a heart problem, not a head problem.**

**Matthew 22:37-40**

**3. Jesus' Spirit in you is the power to fulfill the law.**

**John 14:15-17**

## Message questions

The second theme in our series, *Building Blocks*, is *The Law*. Rules, rules, and more rules. Some people love them, some people hate them. This week should be a great time discussing the law and how Jesus is the fulfillment of the law. The Big Idea this week is *Jesus does what the law could never do—he gives us new hearts and empowers us to fully love God and others*. Our passages are **Matthew 5:17; Genesis 2:8-17; Exodus 20:1-17; John 14:15-17**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Before reading **Exodus 20:1-17**, see if your group can work together to list the ten commandments. Discuss what is seen in these commandments that describe loving God and loving others.
2. Have someone read **Ezekiel 36:26-27**. What is the author describing when talking about the heart? What does an everyday heart of flesh look like?
3. Read **John 14:15-17**. What do we learn about God in his covenant to Abram? What do we learn about God when he changes Abram's name to Abraham?

4. Jesus does what the law could never do—he gives us new hearts and empowers us to fully love God and others. What things do you need to walk away from to help you **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus?
5. How is Jesus empowering you this week to **go** and represent Jesus to the world around you? Pray for those people as a group.