

Centered Set Church

04 Fulfilled by Love

INTRODUCTION

Are Christians supposed to unhitch our faith from the Old Testament Law? Jesus and Paul never claimed the Law is no longer applicable. Instead, they stated that the Law should be “fulfilled.” So, what does this mean?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time this week when someone did a small act of kindness for you. What did it do for your day or your week?
2. What are some of the costs of Christians being more concerned with following rules than in the ways they mistreat others? How might it influence the way unchurched people view God?
3. During the message, Kats said that fulfilling the Law means contextualizing love. The Old Testament Laws represented love at that time in history but may no longer seem loving in our context today. What are your thoughts regarding this statement?
4. Kats said that no one can give a cookie-cutter answer to another person's circumstances since each person is called to love differently. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
5. Think about a complicated relationship in your life. Within the context of that relationship, what does love require of you? Be specific. What can this group do to support you and hold you accountable as you move to love that person?

MOVING FORWARD

Love requires us to change. It offers no loopholes, shortcuts, or workarounds. But aren't you glad Jesus didn't look for a loophole to loving you? What does love require of you at home, at work, on the little league field, in traffic, in line at the grocery store? We almost always know the answer to that question. The hard part is actually doing what love requires.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5