

Group Questions for November 29

Big Idea: God's Law is the picture. God's Grace is the power.

Talk through the sermon. Did anything particularly speak to you?

The Big Idea is somewhat repetitive. Why do you think Brian would repeat this concept again?

How are you most tempted to view God's Law?

- As a guide to being a better person
- As a goal to accomplish
- As a weight you can't bear

What are ways the requirements of the law have freshly wounded you this week? (i.e. ways you see that you need to grow in your walk with Jesus) Talk through each of the commands with your group. Did one of them particularly break you?

Honoring your parents/Submitting to Authority

Murder/Anger

Adultery/Valuing Marriage

Stealing/Stewardship

False Witness/Using Words

Coveting/Wanting someone else's life

Give some time for repentance and confession here.

When wounded by God's Law, how do you tend to respond?

Why do we tend toward qualifying our sin (I'm not as bad as...) rather than bow in confession (Wretched man that I am)?

Read Romans 8:13.

How does Paul describe the Christian life in this verse?

Compare this verse to Romans 7:21-25.

In both passages, we need to be delivered from a body of death and from the deeds of the body. In both, we are unable to do this in our own strength.

Paul is describing the Christian life as a fight to the death. How are we to wage this battle? What does this look like?

What are areas of your life (areas where God's law wounded you) where you need the Spirit to bring the life of Jesus?

Encourage your group to share these with one another and pray for one another.