#3— Law and Gospel

Matthew 5:17-20

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The law was a heavy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The law was a heavy burden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.

The law was a heavy burden lifted by Jesus so we can live the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of March 1, 2020

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships, and encouraging one another to find enduring hope in Jesus.

**CONNECT**

1. Talk about the scariest bill you've ever received?

2. What state or federal law are you most okay with breaking?

**PRAY**

Father, help us to use our freedom in Christ to love You and people.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Reflect on this week's sermon. Was anything particularly impactful for you?

2. What are some religious rules that continue to carry too much weight for you?

 A. How should the Gospel change the way you view those
 religious rules?

3. When have you resisted grace someone offered you?

 A. Why is it so tempting to resist grace and try to earn favor
 with people?

 B. What about with God?

 C. How do you think the way you were raised impacts this?

4. Respond to the following questions discussing the role the law plays
in your life:

 A. In what ways is pursuing obedience a joy to you? A burden?

 B. Refer to the cross chart from the sermon. Discuss ways you tend
 to make excuses for sin.

 C. Discuss ways you tend to lower God's standard (still looking
 at the cross chart.)

5. Read Galatians 5:1-6. How does grace and freedom result in love?

 A. Describe how you came to the realization your spiritual growth
 is based on grace.

 B. How have you been surprised by ways you've grown spiritually?