



## Small Group Discussion Guide

July 30, 2017

### Sermon Title:

"Keeping Faith Simple: Ver.2.0"

**Sermon Text:** Galatians 3:10-14

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 63

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

**Getting Started:** Would you consider yourself overly aware of being a "rule keeper", or are you more inclined to observe the "spirit of the law"?

### Discussion:

1. We are a nation of law. How do you feel about people who have no regard for law or are repeat offenders in the same offense?
2. Jesus came to "redeem us from the curse of the law". (**Galatians 3:13**). How do you interpret this passage?
3. It's interesting to track the development of law. Consider these steps that occurred over time in the history of God's creation:
  - \* **One law.** (**Genesis 2:8,9 ; 15-17**) What was it? To whom did He give it?
  - \* **Ten laws.** (**Exodus 20:1, Exodus 31:18**) As Israel began to live in community as a free people, they needed laws to guide them in their worship of God and respect toward others and their property. What do we commonly call these?
  - \* **613 laws.** (The Jewish interpretation of OT laws was expanded to this number. As such, one could see how it would be impossible for anyone to keep the entire law perfectly.)
  - \* **Three laws.** (**Micah 6:8**) God reduced HIS requirements to 3 simple rules.
  - \* **Two laws.** (**Matthew 22:34-40**) When Jesus was confronted by the Pharisees (as they tried to trap Him), He was asked to prioritize the importance of all the laws the Jews had developed. (remember 613?) What was His response?
4. Aren't you glad Jesus came to redeem us? Otherwise, this would be our future: (**Reference: Galatians 3:11**)

**Closing:** Close by sharing pray requests. Also, everyone share the name of a friend. Pray for one other, your friends, and the requests that were shared. Go **SHARE JESUS!**