GROW GROUP QUESTIONS

Announcement:

Have you considered leading or going on a hurricane relief trip? This is an incredible time to help meet the needs of those suffering the effects of these storms.

Icebreaker:

Have you ever followed a rule or guideline that seemed restrictive at first but later made sense? How did it change your perspective?

Sermon Discussion - Read Romans 7:1-13 (CSB)

- Romans 7:7 says, "I would not have known sin if it were not for the law."
 - o In your own words, how does the law function like a light to reveal sin?
- In verse 12, Paul declares, "The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good."
 - How can we see God's character through His law?
- Why can we say that the law is good, weak and unified?
 - What does Jesus mean in Matthew 5:17-18 when he says that he came to fulfill the law, not replace it?

Going Deeper

- Why do you think people often see the law as restrictive or unnecessary for New Testament believers?
 - o How would you respond to someone who believes that?
- How do the misconceptions about the law (seeing it as neutral or irrelevant)
 affect the way believers live out their faith today?
- How can we approach the Old Testament law with a mindset that seeks to understand God's ongoing desire and character for His people?

Next Steps

- Think of one specific law or commandment that has felt irrelevant or challenging.
 - How might re-examining it in the light of God's goodness and Christ's fulfillment change your view?