

Handout

Session One: God's Law

Memory Verse: "I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8).

If we are in a great hurry, we may not appreciate traffic laws. If we are buying a home or opening a business, we may dislike existing zoning laws. Rules and regulations can sometimes seem highly inconvenient. Most people, however, recognize their importance. Every society in the world has some form of law, some code of right and wrong. John Clare once wrote, "In a madhouse there exists no law."

1. What laws do you most frequently find inconvenient? Can you think of a good reason for the existence of laws? What consequences would result if they were repealed?

2. Read Ephesians 5:15-17; Psalm 40:8; and Romans 2:14-15. With what do the Old Testament and New Testament writers associate the Law of God? How does Scripture therefore describe this Law?

3. Compare Exodus 31:18 and Romans 2:14-15. Who is able to know God's Law? In what different ways do people come to know the Law?

