

Discussion Questions

Session One: God's Law

ANALYZE

If our civil laws can at times seem burdensome, the divine Law of God can seem even more so! No one escapes its jurisdiction. No one escapes accusation for breaking this Law. And, if we were left to our own devices, no one would escape its penalties.

1. As you meditate on the Law of God—its nature, use, and consequences—what effects does it have on you? What emotions or reactions does the Law produce?

2. Read Galatians 3:13. Remember what the Law can and cannot do, what comfort does Paul offer those who have not kept God's Law?

APPLICATION

Paul informs us that the Law speaks (Romans 3:19): "Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God." Every mouth, the whole world. Although every society throughout the world has some form of law, not all people recognize the Law of the God who created this world.

3. Reread Romans 2:14-15. As you encounter those who do not know or do not believe the Bible, consider how you might begin to discuss both Law and Gospel with them.