

Youth



✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the video's and slides listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view

✓ Laws

As a group, make a list of as many actions as you can think of that someone has to do to be a Christian. Add to that list things Christians should fight for, refrain from, and/or participate. Explain your choices.

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- What would happen if a Christian did not measure up to this list? Explain.
- Are there any biblical laws that did not make our list? Why or why not?
- Are there any biblical laws that we think we shouldn't have to obey? Why or why not? How do you make sense of all the Old Testament, and even some new testament laws that God commanded God's followers to obey?

✓ Followers

- Would you consider yourself a rule follower? Why or why not? Why is it so important for a Christian to obey God's rules?
- Read Colossians 2:6-19 and watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session. Use the following questions for discussion.
- What laws did the author take a swing at in this passage? Do you think the author viewed those laws as being bad? Why or why not? What is the purpose of those laws? Why does the Author make it seem like those rules are not vital?
- What does it mean to be rooted in Christ? Why is it more important to be rooted in Christ rather than a follower of all the rules?

✓ Experience

From your list in the first section, as a group, go through the list again, circle anything that might be good yet get in the way of following Christ.

- How can something that is a good thing lead us the wrong direction? Does Christ want us to refrain from doing good things if it means missing the point that we are loved by Christ? Why or why not?
- What examples have you seen in our world today of Christians meaning well with their actions, but missing the point?
- How can we truly experience Christ without getting caught up in simply obeying the rules?

Close in prayer.

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