

## Study/Discussion Guide for Paradigm-February 4, 2024

### Let's Get Started

1. Were you able to remember any "School House Rock" cartoons? What was a favorite?
2. We heard that education requires both a textbook and a songbook. Do you remember any life lessons you learned by song?
3. English Law was broken into three categories-"Natural Law", "Revealed Law", and "Pretend Law". We heard yesterday, "All just laws are God's law and any law that contradicts God's law is an unjust law." What do you think of those statements? If they are true, give some examples of laws in our land that you would say, by those standards, are unjust laws.
4. We wrapped up "Paradigm" yesterday. Looking back over those five weeks was there a particular message or even just a thought that was especially transformative for you?

### Let's Dig In

1. Read Psalm 19:7-10-We learned this Psalm is "A love song to the law"-can you remember some of the reasons we should have such enthusiasm for God's law?
2. God reveals himself to us in "three books"-all three are alluded to in this Psalm-do you remember them? Which of the "three books" is the one you feel God uses the most when he initially reaches out to us?
3. Read Romans 1:20 and Romans 2:14-15-what grabbed your attention as we spoke about creation and conscience yesterday?
4. When you talk with people, or just hear people, discuss "freedom", how do you think they understand it? How would your friends respond to the idea that we all are serving one master or the other?
5. We walked through several benefits of the Law in those "inward/outward" couplets in Psalm 19:7-9; which of those benefits have you experienced the most? Which would you like to experience more? Which would you tell others about?
6. I Timothy 1:8 shows us God's Law can be used "properly and improperly"-what are some ways we use God's law improperly?

7. Read Matthew 15:1-9 can you think of some ways “traditions of elders” and “merely human rules” have nullified the Law of God and even the blessing of the Law of God in the church and in our society?
8. Pastor Jack said, “God gave us ten commandments but religion piles on 10,000 rules.” Why do you think we are such prolific rule makers?
9. Psalm 19:10 is a celebration of the goodness of God’s law when properly used, it is greater than any possession or experience. How did that idea effect you?
10. Psalm 19:11 mentions two uses of God’s law: to warn and bless; do you remember the “three uses of the law” we discussed?
11. God’s law preserves both individually and society. Think about that and discuss ways our culture is enriched, rewarded, and protected by God’s Law.

### **Let’s Go Deeper**

1. The 10 Commandments: What They Mean, Why They Matter, and Why We Should Obey Them.” Kevin DeYoung-  
<https://www.amazon.com/Ten-Commandments-Matter-Should-Foundational/dp/1433559676>
2. Smoke on the Mountain. Joy Davidman.  
<https://www.amazon.com/Smoke-Mountain-Interpretation-Ten-Commandments/dp/066424680X>
3. Keeping the 10 Commandments. J.I. Packer.  
<https://www.amazon.com/Keeping-Ten-Commandments-J-Packer/dp/1581349831>