



## Community Group Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

### **Title of Sermon: Death by Law**

Passage: Romans 7:7-12 NIV

#### **Intro -**

1. What are some of the dumbest laws you have ever heard of or experienced?
2. Describe a time when you broke the law and tried to make excuses about it by blaming someone or something else? Why do we tend to make excuses for these kinds of things?

#### **Sermon -**

1. Read Genesis 3:8-12. Who does Adam blame for his sin? Why?
2. Why do you think Paul raises the question in Romans 7:7? Why would someone conclude from what Paul has just written that God's Law was a bad thing?
3. Read Romans 7:7-8. Can you recall any experiences you have had where you were given a rule to follow (or gave a rule for others to follow) and the presence of the rule made you want to break that very rule? Why does this happen to us?
4. What are your impressions of God's rules for living? Do you think of them as duties you have to follow or delights you get to follow? Why?
5. How would you have to view God in order to make his rules for living more delights than duties? What stops us from thinking about God in this way?
6. If you think about God's rules for living as duties, will you continue to follow them throughout your life? Why or why not? Do you think this explains why so many people eventually turn away from God - they think his rules are duties instead of delights? Do you know of anyone who is an example of this kind of thing?
7. In preparation for next week, read Romans 7:13-25. Does this describe the experience of Paul as a Christian or Paul before he was a Christian? What factors could make you think it is about him as a Christian? What factors could make you think it is about him before he was a Christian?



### **Wrap Up and Prayer**

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

### **Benediction** - Romans 11:33,36 ESV

*"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*



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