

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Law and Gospel

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: If you could see one movie again for the first time, what would it be and why?

Reading: Romans 3:19-31

Outline:

- I. The inevitable reality of the law (Rom. 3:19-20)
 - a. The law is God's standard for creation, and it inevitably reveals our failure
 - b. Any law we are marked by, including the Scriptures, always demands more from us
Q: Did God give the Israelites his law so they would be able to keep it perfectly?
- II. The interruption of the law with the gospel (Rom. 3:21-24)
 - a. Our relationship with God is not dependent on what we do, it is all accomplished by Jesus
 - b. If God demanded we pay for our failure to keep the law, we would be hopeless
Q: What does the gospel invite us to do?
- III. Eating the scroll is worth the ache (Rev. 10:8-11)
 - a. When we eat the gospel, it becomes a part of us, and we become so filled with the good news that we become the place where the gospel is known
 - b. We ache for a world that is lost in sin, but it is worth it when we see people taste the gospel
Q: When John eats the scroll it is sweet and bitter, why is this?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Have you ever felt lost or hopeless when measuring yourself with only the law?
- 2) Is it ever difficult to fully trust the invitation of the gospel, that Jesus is simply enough?
- 3) Have you ever grown so familiar with the Gospel that you forgot to appreciate its value?
- 4) What does it mean for us to eat the gospel? What would this look like in our lives?
- 5) Why should we feel motivated to take part in God's ache for the world?

Suggestions for further study:

- Revelation 14:6 **Q: Who is the gospel intended for?**
- Romans 3:27-31 **Q: What do these verses tell us about how we should balance law and gospel in our lives?**
- Romans 10:9 **Q: How are we saved by the gospel? What do we need to do to be saved?**

Closing Prayer: Gracious God, we give you thanks for how you have spoken to us. As hard as it is to hear, we are thankful that you have revealed what we are truly like through the law. You have shown us our sin and our brokenness, and you haven't left us in the dark about the state of our hearts. We also give you thanks for what you have spoken to us in the gospel. We thank you that we have been invited to live in communion with you through the righteousness that comes to us in Jesus. God I ask that you would continue to feed us with this gospel, that we would take this in and make it a part of ourselves. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, Amen.