



PASTOR BOB
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“LOVING LAWS *or* LOVING PEOPLE”

The Community of Christ

MARK 2:23-3:6

- *Why do you exist?*
- *The Bible says we exist to _____!*
- *Love _____* 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1
- MARK 12:23

“Some cause happiness _____ever they go.

Others _____ever they go.” ~OSCAR WILDE

- **LAW vs. LEGALISM** GALATIANS 3:24

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1. **MEETS HUMAN** _____ MARK 2:23-28; EXODUS 20:8-11; JAMES 1:26, 27

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2. **RESTORES HUMAN** _____ MARK 3:1-6; ROMANS 13:10; 1 JOHN 4:8

- _____ **GOD’S LOVE**
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LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on two groups of people: those who love laws and rules and the power that comes with enforcing them, and those who love people by working hard to build them up. Of anything you remember, was anything helpful, unsettling, or questionable?
2. Define “love” in your own words. How can you tell if someone is genuinely loving you?
3. What makes some people love laws more than people?
4. Do you think God, Who “*is love*”, has a hard time with loving people? Explain.

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Jesus sought to establish a loving community. What treasures do the following verses reveal about this kind of love?**
 - **Mark 12:28-34**
 - **Matthew 5:43-48**
 - **John 13:34**
 - **John 13:35**
 - **1 John 4:7-12**
 - **1 Peter 1:22**
 - **1 Peter 4:8**
- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4. Why do you think Paul lists “*patience*” as the first quality of love?**
- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:8. What does it mean “*Love never fails.*”**

LIVING OUT

- **Read, memorize, and meditate on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**