

## **The Law**

Last week we looked at interpretive keys for the parables of Jesus

This week we are exploring how to read and apply the Laws of the Old Testament

### Video/Lecture Notes

- The Laws in the Bible are not a behavior manual, rather it provides principles of living according to God's will and plan, along with examples in the context of ancient Israel.
- The video divides the laws into four categories: holiness, sacrifice, justice, and sacred time.
- Another categorization breaks the laws into moral, ritual, and civil distinctions – according to this schema, Christians are only expected to fulfill the moral laws.
- As Christians, we believe that the Law was fulfilled by Jesus. He both kept it perfectly and send us His Spirit to empower us to carry out God's will today.

### Discussion

*For each of the following: what categories might these laws fall under? How does this Law point to Christ or how is it fulfilled in Christ?*

#### **Leviticus 16**

#### **Leviticus 19**

#### **Leviticus 23**