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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

*Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.*

### I Want to Believe, But... Week 2

**Ice-Breaker** – What’s the craziest or silliest rule you’ve ever had to follow?

Would you consider yourself more of a rule-follower or a rule-breaker?

Is there a primary point that stood out to you in this week’s message?

Why would anyone want to have a relationship with Kill-Joy God? Have you seen situations where this inaccurate perception of God caused someone to turn their back on God?

Did you grow up hearing about a lot of rules in church? If so, what were some of the main rules you remember?

What effect did these rules have on your view of God?

#### **READ: Romans 3:20-24**

If we can't live up to the law, then why did God give it?

What are some ways we expect people to follow the law to earn righteousness today?

Do you live more like your rule-following makes you close to God or like Jesus makes you close to God? How does this play out for you?

How have you experienced the undeserved grace of God in your life? Can you share something specific?

Do you agree that religion is focused on the external while God is focused on the internal? Are there any ways you still act religious?

Is there anyone you’ve held to rules and law instead of love and grace? How could you reach out to them with the grace and love of Jesus this week?

Have you ever bought into the concept of a Kill-Joy God, or do you know Him as a loving Father who wants what is best for His children?

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**