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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

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

### Starting Point Week 4

**Ice-Breaker** – Talk about a time when you made rules for someone else. What was the purpose of those rules?

In general, how do you react to rules? What rules are the hardest for you to keep?

Have you viewed the rules as a condition of your relationship with God, or a confirmation of your relationship with God?

What is the role of all the rules in religion?

Do the rules apply because you are a member of God's family, or, do you obey the rules to become a member of God's family?

#### **READ Exodus 20:1-3**

When it comes to your relationship with God, what is the role of rules?

What is it, about a rule, that feels controlling instead of caring?

What happens to a relationship when someone breaks a rule?

Is it possible that even the pride associated with rule keeping can become a god, or an idol to us?

Have you entered a relationship with God through the door of faith or have you been trying to behave your way in?

Are you comfortable with the idea that rule keeping is not a *condition* for relationship with God, but they are *confirmation* of our relationship with Him? Please explain your answer.

Do you feel like God truly wants you to be in His family?

Have you placed your complete trust in Jesus Christ, as the sole Source of your salvation?

Have you been trusting in your ability to keep all the rules to get you to heaven?