

# life groups

NorthStar Church

Exodus Week 3

“The Measuring Stick”

Exodus 19-20

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Introductory Activity

(Leaders: spend about 5 minutes on this activity)

What are different ways to measure things? In the past week, in your daily life what things and in what ways have you had to measured things?

Understanding

What is the purpose of the Law? Scott gave us 4 main points of the purpose of the Law that God gave to Moses. (Leaders: have someone read the passages listed in parentheses)

1. It reveals the nature of God
  - a. He is Holy (Ex. 19:10-13, 23) (Lev. 19:2)
  - b. He is jealous (Ex. 20:1-4)

How do you see these passages revealing the nature of God? What does that mean to you?

2. It provides a standard of righteousness for man
  - (v.7) do not misuse the name of God
  - (v.8) keep the Sabbath Holy
  - (v.12) honor your father and mother
  - (v.13) do not commit murder
  - (v.14) do not commit adultery
  - (v.15) do not steal
  - (v.16) do not give false testimony
  - (v.17) do not covet

Do you measure yourself by these commandments? Does this measuring stick convict you?

3. It exposes our sin  
(Gal. 3:19) it shows us that in our flesh we will never measure up.

Does this idea frustrate you, or how does it make you feel?

4. It reveals our need for grace  
(James 2:10) (Rom. 6:14) (Rom. 8:1-4)

Grace means unmerited favor. What does the idea of grace mean to you? How does it make you feel that God's grace is not something you can earn?

5. It escorts us to faith in Jesus  
(Gal. 2:16, 3:23-26) (Matt 5:17)

Have you ever thought of the law as a path TO God and not AWAY from Him? What does the idea of the law as a path to Jesus mean to you or look like to you?

### Application

The Old Testament Law is a measuring stick to show us that on our own merit, we will never measure up to God's standards. What do we do with this?

Scott gave us 3 strong suggestions.

1. Receive the gift you could never earn. (Eph. 2:8-9)

What does it mean to you that you could never earn this gift?

2. Understand what you were saved for. Scott pointed out that most of us think of salvation as FROM a lot of bad things and that's true, but what were you saved FOR? (Eph. 2:10) You were not saved BY good works, but to DO good works. What does this look like for you?

3. Celebrate His grace today! That's why we worship and that's why we pray. How else can you celebrate His awesome Grace?

Pray

Pray with your group for wisdom, understanding and life change. Pray not only for each other and their requests, but for praises of God's Grace.