



## WHY JESUS KEPT THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW: FOR OUR GOOD

**MILESTONE 1-INFANT BAPTISM/ DEDICATION:** We are preparing for the Infant Baptism/Dedication service on Oct. 15. Parents who wish to baptize or dedicate their infant at this service are invited to hear how Lakeland approaches infant baptism and dedication at a meeting TODAY, 12:15 p.m. in the conference room. Contact Micki Elton at [mickie@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:mickie@lakelandcommunity.org).

**MEN'S RETREAT:** Join the men of Lakeland, Sept. 22-24, for a weekend of camping, campfires, laughing and friendship. The cost is \$30 per person for fuel and food. Contact Jeff Foley for any questions at [jfoley67@gmail.com](mailto:jfoley67@gmail.com) or stop by the Visitor Kiosk.

**NEWCOMERS BRUNCH: New to Lakeland?** Join Pastor Marta for a Newcomers Brunch on Sunday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m. in the conference room for brunch and to learn more about Lakeland. Sign up at the kiosk.

**FULLY PARTICIPATING MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Thinking about becoming a Fully Participating Member? Please join us to learn more about Lakeland's vision, values and culture and meet some other new people as well. We will meet in the conference room at 9 a.m. during first service on Sunday, Oct. 1, 8 and 15. Sign up by filling out the form on APP or Lakeland Connect.

**PATHWAYS OF FAITH MILESTONE:** Can we know who Jesus really is and what it looks like to follow him? Does the message of Jesus add value to my life? If these are questions you'd like to explore, join Pastor Garrett for five weeks in the Pathways of Faith Milestone. Monday nights Oct. 16 - Nov 13, 6:30-8 p.m. Register on Lakeland Connect by Oct. 1, \$25 (\$15 for students).

**VERONICA'S VOICE SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY!** Veronica's Voice is celebrating 16 years with a surprise party for founder Kristy Childs on Sunday, Oct. 1. A great gift is Degoler Pharmacy gift cards (in \$25 increments) which will help pay for medications for residents of Magdalene House. Please visit the table in the lobby or contact Jessica Hubbard ([jessicaparle7@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaparle7@gmail.com)) or Vince Tucker ([Vincetucker1969@gmail.com](mailto:Vincetucker1969@gmail.com)). *To keep this a SURPRISE please DO NOT post anything on social media.*

**HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF LEE'S SUMMIT:** A group of Lakelanders are organizing ways to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. For details please join the Facebook group *Hurricane Harvey Relief Lee's Summit*.

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**HALLOWEEN HAUNT AT WORLDS OF FUN:** (Grades 7th- 12th) Friday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.-midnight. \$45 for admission (\$10 if you have a season pass). Sign up via FORMS (Halloween Haunt) on Lakeland Connect. Meet at Lakeland to carpool. Contact Twila Lahey at [twila-lahey@gmail.com](mailto:twila-lahey@gmail.com) for more info.

**MONDAY LUNCH WITH THE EMERGING LEADERS:** Provide lunch and hang out with the interns that will be working with our students this season. This is a highly valued time for the Emerging Leaders. Contact Twila Lahey at [twilal@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:twilal@lakelandcommunity.org) to schedule lunch with the Emerging Leaders any Monday until Nov. 20.

#### UP-COMING MESSAGES:

**Sept. 24**—We take a short break from our series to address an important question: What should I do next on my Spiritual Journey, especially if I feel without direction or overwhelmed/confused by the many options the church offers?

#### ***KNOWING JESUS THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT***

**FOUR-PART SERIES CONTINUES:** Did Jesus uphold the Old Testament Law or take it away? In this series we try to finally settle this question using an in-depth study of both Testaments!

**OCT. 1 — WHY JESUS KEPT THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW: IMITATING GOD'S HOLINESS**

**OCT. 8 — WHY JESUS BROKE THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW: SABBATH AND FELLOWSHIP**

**TWO-PART SERIES: JESUS' OLD TESTAMENT VALUES** Does Jesus represent Old Testament values or did he come to bring a new set of values never seen before? In this two-part series we discover the surprising answer together.

**OCT. 15 — GOD FIRST**

**OCT. 22 — PEOPLE BEFORE THINGS, NEEDS BEFORE RIGHTS**

Missing a handout or answers from the *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament* series? Resources are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Also check out the Podcast on Lakeland's website to hear past messages.



# WHY JESUS KEPT THE LAW: FOR OUR GOOD

Sometimes the word of Jesus seems to be opposite of the Old Testament law.

Jesus says he didn't come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it ... to accomplish its purpose.

Jesus believes the Law is given for our good.

Jesus sees the Old Testament Law coming from a God who knows the best patterns to produce prosperity and who wants prosperity for society. That pattern includes protection for societies vulnerable.

The Law of God comes to different cultures and says "truth is truth", whether they are part of your race, class, family, or not.

While our obedience to the law makes God happy, that wasn't the point.

God has great joy when we have the joy in life that comes as a natural consequence of keeping his law.

What political party did Jesus consistently fight with regarding their practice of Old Testament Law? Pharisees

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**Bible Reading Track:**

Mark 16; Deut.28-31; Joshua 1-4; 5:13-7:26; 8; 10-12

## OLD TESTAMENT LAW

**“Moses gave you this law from God: ‘Honor your Father and Mother’” — Mark 7:10**

<i>Jesus says the laws is for the good of:</i>	<i>While the Pharisees use it to:</i>
<i>The elderly</i>	<i>Keep their money</i>

**“... bring the entire tithe of that year’s harvest ... give it to the Levites ... as well as to the foreigners living among you, the orphans and the widows ...” — Deut. 14:28-29**

<i>Jesus says the laws is for the good of:</i>	<i>While the Pharisees use it to:</i>
<i>Priests and the poor</i>	<i>Enrich themselves</i>

**“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy ...” — Deut. 5:12**

<i>Jesus says the laws is for the good of:</i>	<i>While the Pharisees use it to:</i>
<i>Working people</i>	<i>Please God by obeying annoying rules</i>

## Reflection

List where you’ve received (or seen others receive) naturally occurring blessings from being obedient to God’s law.

What aspects of God’s law are you grateful for?

In Matthew 23:3 Jesus says this about the teachers of religious law: “So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their examples. For they don’t practice what they teach.” Think of situations you’ve been a good example of following God’s law. What situations are challenging for you to follow God’s law?

