



# Made for Relationship

1. What are some rules, or boundaries, or laws that exist in our society that have protection from harm as their basis? When you were a teenager, were there any rules you had to follow that you thought prevented you from having fun? What were they?
2. Pastor Rick said there are four benefits of having boundaries, what are they?
3. How does God's boundaries show us that he loves us? Can you think of a time when, because you knew that God did not want you to do something, you did not do it and it protected you from harming yourself physically or spiritually? If you have children, what boundaries have you given them for their protection?
4. Read Romans 3:19,20. What does this passage say was one of the purposes that God gave the 10 Commandments (the law)? What was it never intended to do?
5. Pastor Rick said that the 10 Commandments are God's moral boundaries to protect us. As you think of what they say, how do they protect us?
6. Pastor Rick talked about the difference between living by guilt and living by grace, what do you understand the difference to be?

1. *Traffic laws, laws that prevent minors from doing certain things, etc.*
2. *The four benefits were: a. God's love is obvious in the boundaries he has given; b. God's legislation reveals my brokenness and need for Christ; c. God's light shows me how to live by grace and not guilt; and d. God's laws lead me away from religion and into a relationship with Jesus.*
3. *God's boundaries show he loves us in that He knows what are the things that will harm us and prevent us from having a happy and blessed life. So he tells us what to do and what to avoid in order to be happy and successful, much like we do for our own children.*
4. *The purpose for the law given in this passage is that it was to show us how far short of God's perfection we are and that we need a savior from our sin. It was never intended to be a method of gaining God's favor and earning an entrance ticket into heaven.*
5. *They protect us from worshipping ourselves, they protect us from being lied to, from being murdered, from our children disrespecting us, from overworking and never resting, from living our lives only to get things, etc.*
6. *Living by guilt is the idea that I am responsible for my sins and that God is in heaven just waiting to squash us when we do things that are wrong. Living by grace is realizing that I could never please God by my own efforts and that he extends love and forgiveness to us through Christ's death on the cross. I can now serve God because I am grateful to him and I do not need to be afraid of his punishment, Christ took my punishment. God's attitude toward me is one of a loving father, not a judge of my shortcomings.*