



Topeka Bible Church
The Life of Paul, Episode 12:
“Paul and the Law, #1: The Natural Law”
Community Group Study Questions

Acts 14:17; Romans 2:14-15; 3:10-11; 2 Corinthians 4:6

1. How much of the Old Testament law (of Moses) do you think we're required to obey? Do we need to obey just the Ten Commandments? All ten of them or just some? Any other commands that we're required to obey?

2. What does it mean to have the Natural Law of God “written on our hearts” (see *Romans 2:14-15*)? What are some evidences from human experience that show us this Natural Law at work?

3. What does the reality of Natural Law say about the existence of God (cf. *Romans 1:20*)? Why do so many people deny God's existence and their need for His grace (see *Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 1:21, 32; 3:10-11*)? What role might Satan play (see *2 Corinthians 4:4*)?

4. We essentially demonstrate our own disbelief in God when we fail to act out in faith by trusting and obeying Him and His word. Consequently, how do you demonstrate disbelief in God's existence through your disobedience and failure to trust Him?

5. What is the New Covenant (see *Jeremiah 31:31-34* and *Ezekiel 36:26-27*)? If this is a concept found in the Old Testament, how does it apply to us as Christians living in the New Testament time of the church (see *Hebrews 8:6-13*; notice that Jesus is the “mediator” of this New Covenant)?

6. How does this concept of the New Covenant and a “renewed” (or “changed”) heart impact you? How aware were you of your need for this “renewal” before you placed your faith in Jesus Christ? If God gives us renewed hearts, then why do we still struggle so mightily with sin as Christians?

7. Hopefully you’re encouraged by the glorious salvation that you have through your faith in Christ (*2 Corinthians 4:6*)! How can you encourage other Christians to celebrate their salvation this week? In light of the issue of Natural Law, how can you share this message of salvation with those who need to hear it this week?

Memory Verses:

“Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, (15) since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.”

(Romans 2:14-15, NIV)