

LOOPHOLES

Better Together

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are _____ when we love one another.

We are experts at getting around the rules without _____ the rules.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

There are no loopholes to _____ others when we follow Jesus.

²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Mark 2:23-28 (NIV)

Jesus placed himself as the authority over the _____.

³²"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Mark 12:28-34 (NIV)

In God's kingdom, to love _____ we must love _____.

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:13-22 (NIV)

Jesus' resurrection proved His authority over the _____.

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end...

³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:1, 34-35 (NIV)

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus established a new law to _____ and a new temple to _____.

- **The new law is to love _____ as Jesus has loved us.**
- **The new temple is _____ who trusts in Jesus.**

¹⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

_____ **is the body or potential body of Jesus.**

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:19-21 (NIV)

Our devotion to God is _____ in our love for everybody.

FURTHER READING FOR THIS WEEK

Day 1: Colossians 3:1-3

Day 2: Galatians 2:20

Day 3: 1 Peter 2:9-10

Day 4: Colossians 3:12-14

Day 5: Matthew 25:31-40

Day 6: Matthew 5:41-46