



**Week 2 (October 16, 2016)**

## INTRODUCTION

"That's not the way it should be." "That's not right." "Someone should do something about that." One of the barriers to faith continues to be a world that is not what it could be or should be. It can be hard to believe in a good God when the world is not always good. In this series, we will examine some of the most common expressions of doubt in the God of the Bible.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you were a kid, how did you get around your parents' (or teachers') rules? Were there ever any rules you thought were really silly?
2. Read Mark 3:1-6. What were Jesus' critics upset about?
3. Why do you think the critics were so angry in 3:6?
4. Read Mark 2:27-28. Following the Sabbath was a law that God gave, but some religious leaders forbade doing much of anything on the Sabbath, including helping someone. What are ways that we can sometimes turn God's rules into legalism?
5. Read Colossians 2:16-17. Does this mean that we shouldn't follow any of God's laws (such as 'do not murder' or 'do not commit adultery')?
6. If God knew that he was going to save us by grace alone (meaning it's a gift he gives us rather than anything we earn by following his laws), why do you think he had any laws in the first place?

*Then he [Jesus] turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.*

-Mark 3:4