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## “KILLJOY GOD”

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WEEK TWO  
KILLJOY GOD  
Talk It Over

**Focus:** Killjoy God is a distorted view that comes from the bad news of religion not the good news of Jesus.

I. Religion focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_,  
rather than the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God's  
\_\_\_\_\_ by obeying the law.*

B. *The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law is to show  
us our need for a \_\_\_\_\_.*

C. *Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ not  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

II. Until we see ourselves as \_\_\_\_\_,  
we will not believe we need a \_\_\_\_\_.

1. What's the craziest or silliest rule you've had to follow?
2. Did you grow up hearing about a lot of rules in church? How do you think this shaped your view of God?
3. Read Romans 3:20. What are some ways we expect people to follow the law to earn righteousness today?
4. Do you live more like your rule-following makes you close to God or like Jesus makes you close to God? How does this play out for you?
5. How have you experienced the undeserved grace of God in your life? Can you share something specific?
6. What do you think of the statement, "Religion is focused on the external while God is focused on the internal"?
7. What are some of the practical differences between the approach of trying to "clean up our own act" verses being transformed from the inside out by trusting in Jesus?
8. Is there anyone you've held to rules and law instead of love and grace? How can you reach out to them with the grace and love of Jesus this week?