

## Part 3: The Role of Rules

People came before commandments. With God, relationships always precede rules.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What were the most repeated rules in your home growing up?
- 2. Did you ever feel like your parents' love or acceptance was contingent upon your obedience?
- 3. What role would you say rules or guidelines should play in a relationship?
- 4. How many of the Ten Commandments can you recite? Growing up, what kind of weight were the Ten Commandments given in your family? What about now? How does today's message influence your view of the Ten Commandments?
- 5. Read John 3:17 aloud, where Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus, a Pharisee—someone who had a passion for keeping all of God's laws. What keywords stand out to you and why? Why would Jesus feel Nicodemus needed to hear this?
- 6. Have you ever wondered if God's love for you was contingent upon your obedience to his rules? If not, why not? If so, why?