The Law Is Good

In verses 7 – 12 of Romans 7 Paul is still dealing with the question, What about all those Old Testament rules and regulations, do they not matter any more? He began his answer in verses 1 – 6 and something he said there has stirred up another question that he has now turned his attention to.

- What is that other question about the law that Paul is dealing with in these verses?

- What is the good thing the law does that Paul asks us to consider in verse 7?

- Why do you think Paul uses the tenth commandment — "You shall not covet" — as his example of how the law exposes our sinfulness?

- In what sense does the tenth command expose the extent of our sinfulness?

- Paul's doesn't tell us how sin does it but what do you think? How does sin take God's law and twist it into an opportunity to sin more?

- Think back to when you first became aware of the demands of God's law. When did that happen for you? How did it come about? In what ways can you identify with Paul's experienced as he describes it in verses 7 – 11?

- In your own words, what is Paul's answer to the question he set out to respond to?

- In what ways is the law good?