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Pastor:

Date:

Text:

Church Season:

Title:

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*My notes during the sermon: (written, drawn,...)*

*Describe a point/example/illustration  
that impacted me. Why?*

*What are questions I have?  
What are things I didn't understand?*

After the sermon:

*What did I learn about today's sermon text?*

*What about God's Law did I hear for my life?*

*(Law)*

*What was the central message in the sermon?*

*What Gospel comfort did I hear for my life?  
How was Jesus the source of that comfort?*

*(Gospel)*

## **Law**

- The Law is God's will for his creation.
- God's will is most clearly summarized in the 10 Commandments.
- Even though our experience of the Law may not always feel positive, the Law is still good, for the Law is God's will for our life
- **How to find the law during the sermon?:**
  - Listen for how God has set up the way things should be in his creation.  
e.g. God gave us parents, which is why we are to follow their rules.
  - Listen for when we have sinned against God's law by breaking the commandments.  
e.g. We break our parents' rules and sin not only against them but against God.
  - Listen for how we are expected to follow the commandments as Christians.  
e.g. As Christians, we will follow our parents rules. After all, God gave us our parents.

## **Gospel**

- The Gospel is how God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have saved us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.
- The Gospel always involves Jesus, namely his death and resurrection.
- Just because Jesus is mentioned at one point in the sermon does not mean that it is the Gospel.
  - (e.g. 'Jesus shows us how to live a certain way' is actually a statement of Law)
- The Gospel will always have God/Jesus as the subject of the sentence.
  - e.g. Jesus died on the cross so that his blood may wash away my sin.
  - e.g. Jesus rose from the dead. By defeating death he will raise me from the dead on the Last Day.
  - e.g. Jesus thwarted the plans of the devil.
  - e.g. The Father gave up his Son Jesus on the cross so that we may be his sons and daughters by the power of the Holy Spirit.
    - Notice how we are never the subject of these sentences. We receive the Gospel by faith
- **How to find the Gospel during the sermon?:**
  - Listen for how Jesus has died to forgive us our sins.
  - Listen for how Jesus has defeated death in his resurrection.
  - Listen for the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday