

## **Romans 7:7-25 The purpose of the law**

1. What has been the most significant piece of understanding you have gained through this series in Romans so far? And why?

Read Romans 7:7-25

2. (7,8,13) The purpose of the law is to show us something. What does it show us and how?
3. (8-9) In your own experience how does the law produce / stir up sin?
4. (8-9) What do you think Paul means when he says "I was alive apart from the law, but then the commandment came and I died"? Have you had this experience?
5. (7-8) Why do you think it was the law "thou shalt not covet" that came home to Paul?
6. (14-25) Who is the "I" that Paul is talking about here? (It might be helpful to explore this question from a few different perspectives – is Paul's "I" an unconverted person?, converted?, Paul himself? Paul taking on a different perspective?) How does identifying the "I" in these different ways help us understand Christian experience? Which one do you think is right?