**Why in the World: Viewer Guide**

**Session 4 Putting Religion in Its Place**

**Discussion Questions**

1. What are some reasons people find rules comfortable and comforting?
2. Are there things about religion that you find constraining or stifling? If so, what are those things?
3. Read Isaiah 1:13, 17. How do these verses challenge most people’s views of God? What do they tell us about what he values?
4. During the message, Andy said, *“Jesus consistently prioritized people over his own religion, customs, and traditions.”* Respond to that statement. In which ways does it challenge your assumptions about Jesus?
5. Is it difficult for you to believe that God values you above His own rules? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to prioritize loving God and loving other people over your religion, customs, and traditions? What can this group do to support you?

**Moving Forward**

Do you know what’s most important to God? It’s not His law. It’s you. Why in the world did Jesus come as one of us? Why in the world did God show up as a human being on a planet full of strife, suffering, and injustice? One of the reasons was that he wanted to put religion---all religion--- in its place. And religion’s place is right behind you.

**Changing Your Mind**

*Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’  All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Matthew 22:37-40