

**SERIES: Stand Alone**

**TITLE:** The Silent Killer

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**PASSAGE:** John 1:14, 5:1-18, 10:30, 8:58, 1:14;  
Colossian 2:16-17

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The logo for Small Groups, featuring four puzzle pieces in a 2x2 grid to the left of the text "SMALL GROUPS". The puzzle pieces are white with teal outlines, and the text is white on a teal background.

## MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

**Legalism is the silent killer of a church**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were some of the unwritten rules in your home growing up?
2. What are some of the rules and expectations that are at times imposed on the church today?
3. Where do you suppose these expectations and rules come from?
4. What were some of the expectations and rules that Jesus violated during his lifetime?
5. Why do you suppose God instituted dietary and Sabbath rules in the Old Testament?
6. How do you suppose Jesus felt about all the extra rules and requirements imposed by the Pharisees of his day? Why?
7. Why do we believe that Jesus was God and how do we answer those who claim that Jesus never claimed to be God?
8. How is legalism vs grace, like the difference between do and done?

## NEXT STEPS

Ask the three questions: did Jesus teach this? Did the disciples teach this? Did the New Testament church practice this?