

# RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 5:17-20

## MESSAGE RECAP

This week in the Sermon on the Mount, we learn that Jesus intends to teach the depths of the Law, down to its smallest details, and reveals its true intent. Beyond his teaching, Jesus also intends to fulfill every aspect of the law and prophets. Jesus challenges his followers to a righteousness greater than anything they had known, emphasizing a transformational, rather than a superficial, adherence to God's law. Kingdom Mindset: "True righteousness comes from Jesus and becoming like Jesus."

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. What might be some misconceptions people have about Jesus' teachings regarding the Law and Prophets?
3. Read Matthew 5:17-19 and discuss how Jesus directly addresses those misconceptions about the Law and Prophets.
4. We mentioned 4 primary ways Jesus fulfills the Law – Discuss why each is important towards fulfilling his mission. Which one surprises you the most? Which one inspires you the most?
  - a. Doctrinal Teaching: Jesus teaches the full depth of the Law, down to its smallest details, and reveals its true intent, surpassing mere legalism. Reference: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - b. Predictive Prophecy: Jesus fulfills all Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah, demonstrating his identity and mission. Reference: Luke 24:27, 2 Corinthians 1:20
  - c. Perfect Personal Obedience: Despite being tempted in every way, Jesus lives a sinless life, being the perfect sacrifice for humanity's sins. Reference: Hebrews 4:15
  - d. Sacrificial Redemption: Jesus offers himself as the ultimate sacrifice, fulfilling the need for atonement once and for all. Reference Hebrews 10:11-14,18
5. What does it mean to become like Jesus, and how can we practically pursue this transformation?

## PRAY