

A SERIES IN MATTHEW 5-7

SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

© GROUPS





MATTHEW 5:17-20

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The goal is to see how **Jesus is the center of the storyline of Scripture and the standard by which God accepts us.**

CONNECT

Use these questions to begin the discussion:

1. If you could make something a law, that is not currently a law, what would it be?

READ THE TEXT

Ask a group member to read the following text out loud: **Matthew 5:17-20**

DISCUSS & APPLY

These questions are designed to help us **know, love, and serve** God fully. Don't feel pressure to get through all the questions, especially if you find that your group needs to spend extra time in one place.

1. Why might Jesus' audience think he was trying to abolish the Law and Prophets?
2. What are various ways that we see Jesus fulfill the Old Testament?
3. Scholars say that "iota" is the Greek version of "yod" which is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet. What does this tell us about how seriously God takes our holiness? How seriously do you take your holiness?
4. If Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, then why do New Testament Christians not observe and obey every aspect of the Old Testament Law? ... What was the purpose of the Law?
5. Read verse 19. Now read Matthew 11:28-30. What is the difference between relaxing from the commands of God and finding our rest in the finished work of Jesus?
6. In verse 19 Jesus mentions our obedience to and our teaching of Scripture. Do you feel that you have a responsibility to teach God's Word to others? ... How can you grow in your ability to teach?
7. What does it mean to be righteous? What does it take for us to get into heaven?



8. Do you tend to lean more heavily on the side of Law or Gospel (works vs grace)? How can you find more of a balance in your life that doesn't neglect the seriousness of God's commands nor the sufficiency of Christ's work on the cross? Consider memorizing a verse that speaks to the area you want to grow in/remind yourself of.

PRAY

Thank God for the gift of His church. Pray for a desire to make love the motivation for all that we do. Ask God to help your group grow in their spiritual gifts and desire to use them to serve the church and to evangelize.

COMMUNITY GROUP MISSION PARTNERS

As we seek to make gospel-centered disciples among all people for the glory of God, we step into our communities and the rest of the world as ambassadors of Christ. Our community groups have an awesome opportunity to serve together in this mission by adopting a local partner and an international partner to invest in. To adopt a local and international partner, fill out this form:

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