

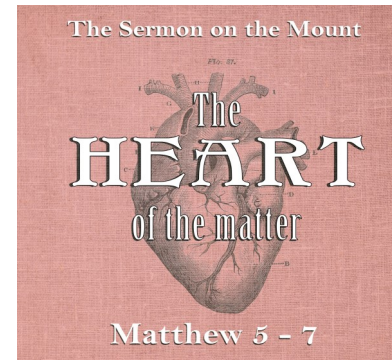
The Heart of the Matter

14. What did you learn about Christ, the Law and us from this lesson?

15. What is the purpose of the Law? What role does it have in our lives?

16. What hinders our love for God and others? How can we increase in our love for God? How can we increase in our love for others?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

Christ, the Law, and Us
Matthew 5:17-20

For the Week of May 23, 2021

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application caught your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. What images come to mind when you hear the word "Law"?
3. What role did the Law play in the Old Testament? Why was the Law given? To whom was it given?
4. What are the three main parts of the Law? How are they significant?

Digging Deeper

5. Read Matthew 5:17-20. What was Jesus' relationship to the "Law"?

6. What did Jesus mean when He said: "I did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets" (5:17)?

7. Explain the meaning of "For truly, I say to you?" This phrase is used 31 times in Matthew.

8. To what extent would Jesus fulfill the Law and the Prophets, which is a reference to the entire Old Testament (5:17-18)?

9. How does Jesus' fulfillment of the Old Testament affect our lives as Christians (Mark 7:18-19)?

10. According to Matthew 22:35-40, what are the top two commandments? What is the importance of them? What do they teach us about relationships?

11. What do we learn about the law of love in various New Testament passages (John 13:34-35; Romans 13:8-10; James 2:8; 1 John 3:11, 23)?

12. Why is it important to obey the commandments and teach them to others (Matthew 5:19)? How does one enter the kingdom of heaven?

13. Contrast the difference between how the scribes and Pharisees viewed righteousness with how Jesus viewed righteousness. On what basis are we made righteous (Romans 4:1-5)?