FULFILLING, NOT DISCARDING | MATTHEW 5:17-20

Study Questions

Before answering these questions, take some time to read the passage from the sermon together or on your own.

What did this sermon tell us about God?

What did this sermon tell us about us as people?

What did you hear in this sermon that applied the most to your own life?

Jesus said he didn't come to abolish the Old Testament but to fulfill it. How should understanding Jesus as the fulfillment of God's story change the way we read the Bible and understand who he is? What might need to change about the way you personally engage with Scripture?

Jesus teaches that obedience matters in his kingdom, but that true righteousness goes deeper than outward behavior. Where are you most tempted to settle for appearing righteous rather than allowing God to transform your heart? What makes it difficult to surrender those areas to Jesus?

Jesus says our righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20), but he also promises to satisfy those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:6). How do these two statements help us understand the relationship between God's grace and our obedience? What would it look like for you to depend more fully on Jesus as you pursue righteousness this week?