



## Life Group Curriculum

All of the material in this guide is provided for fostering healthy discussion in your group. Discuss the questions out loud and hold each other accountable to Scripture memorization each week.

**Week of March 15, 2020**



*The Law and the Prophets*

Matthew 5:17-20

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Scripture Memorization: *Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

– Matthew 5:17 (ESV)

### Discussion Questions:

- 1. Random Question: What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?**
- 2. Read verse 17. What stands out?**

**Why does it matter that Jesus fulfilled the “Law and the Prophets” instead of abolishing them?**

*{It means that what they said still matters. It also means that what they said was all about Jesus. What would the implications have been if Jesus had abolished the Law and Prophets?}*

- 3. Read verses 18-19. What stands out?**

**Why should v18 give us confidence in Scripture?**

*{There will never be a time when it will be outdated. This also helps us trust that God has given us all we need -He hasn't left out the smallest thing and the smallest thing will not be removed.}*

**What is the difference between the least and the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?**

*{Those who teach and obey Scripture are great, but those who disobey and ignore are least. How does this connect with Jesus saying that those who serve are the greatest in the Kingdom?}*

**How does this verse apply to the fact that Christians don't follow all of the Old Testament law (things like not eating shellfish or wearing mixed fibers)?**

*{Because OT laws are fulfilled, we do not follow them in the same way as if they are unfulfilled. For example, the laws of the temple are fulfilled in Jesus being the true temple. The laws of sacrifice are fulfilled in the final sacrifice, Jesus. So we do not follow those laws anymore. But they are still not abolished - they are still useful to look at and understand to point us to Jesus and to the depth of his work as our Savior.}*

**4. Read verse 20. What stands out?**

**What is the purpose of the law, if it cannot save us?**

*{To show us our need for a Savior, to show God's standards for holiness. Also to show that Jesus was the only one more righteous than the Scribes and Pharisees.}*

**5. How would you describe Jesus' view of Scripture based on this passage?**

**6. Did you have a Gospel conversation with someone in the last seven days? Will you commit to doing so (again) in the next seven days?**

*{Don't skip this. By asking, we want to continue creating that expectation and accountability.}*

**7. How can we pray for you?**

*{Save time to go around the room. This is important.}*

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**\*\*Be sure to check out the new [Family Worship Guide](#) for the *Sermon on the Mount***

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