

The Fulfillment of the Law

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Taking it Home:

1. Commit to reading a book of the Old Testament and make note of when you see Christ fulfilling it.
2. Reread Matthew 17:17-20 a couple of times. What is Jesus speaking to your heart? Is there anything that needs to change to obey him?

Prayer Concerns:

Jesus and the Law:

1. The law and prophets were Jesus' _____
2. Jesus _____ the law and prophets _____

Fulfill:

Jesus is the:

- Central point of _____
- Eternal _____ promised to rule on _____
- Final _____ of the entire _____
- Great _____ giving entrance into _____
- Only one who _____ the law _____

The Christian and the Law

1. Pay close attention to the _____ and _____
2. Tend to your _____, not just _____
3. Fall on the _____ again and again

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. As a child, what family rule did you most often break?

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 5:17-20

1. When you think about the Old Testament, what words would you use to describe it? What has been your relationship with the Old Testament? (Love it, avoid it, don't understand it, etc.)
2. Pastor Marc gave a list of some of the ways Jesus fulfilled the law and prophets. Review that list and share other ways that you see Jesus fulfill the Old Testament.
3. How did the sermon help you understand the purpose of the Old Testament more fully? What questions do you still have that your group could help you wrestle with?
4. What is Jesus' point about the 'least' and the 'great'? How does the example of our lives through words and actions play into this? Where might you be on that spectrum as you consider your place in heaven? Why does it matter?
5. What was Jesus' hangup with the Pharisees? Read Matthew 15:1-20. What is the main point Jesus makes in this teaching? How does the heart influence our actions? Are there any hints of Pharisee-like behavior in your own life? What steps might you take to get rid of them?
6. Jesus calls us to a righteousness that surpasses the Pharisees. How is that possible? How does Jesus' fulfillment of the law relate to the impossible task of living in complete obedience to Him? How should his grace impact our devotion?