



Message Outline

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Matt 5:17-48

Earthly Rules vs. Kingdom Rule

Series: **Best. Sermon. Ever.**

Jesus wants to rewire the way we think about the commands in the Bible.

❏ 3 Common Misconceptions about Old Testament Rules:

They are bad

Matt 5:17

They are outdated

Matt 5:18

Only some matter

Matt 5:19

❏ The Reality according to Jesus:

They are fulfilled by Jesus

Matt 5:17

There is a deeper spirit behind them

Matt 5:20-22

As we live them out, we become more like God

Matt 5:48

❏ How to Live according to Kingdom Rule:

Focus on heart, not just behavior

Matt 5:21-22; 27-28

Be right with others, not just with God

Matt 5:23-24

Look for ways to love, not just loopholes

Matt 5:31-37; 43-44



HomeGroup Questions

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1. As a kid, were you more of a rule keeper or rule breaker? What rule did a parent have for you as a kid that you only appreciate now as an adult?

2. As we continue studying the Sermon on the Mount, reread Matt 5:17-48. Then, review the outline of the message. What stood out for you?

3. Many people have the misconception that God's rules are bad, outdated, or arbitrary. How have you seen this around you, or even in you? How does Jesus refute that in vs. 17-19?

4. In what sense does Jesus fulfill the law (vs. 17)? Explain.

5. Since all of us experience something of anger, lust, revenge, hate, etc., how should we respond to this teaching? A) Discouraged B) Reliant on God's grace C) Motivated D) Challenged E) Appreciative of the depth of the Bible's commands F) Other

6. Look at vs. 48. Of course, no one can be perfect like God. But, instead of throwing up our hands in despair, Doug pointed out that the word, perfect, means *complete* and *mature*. While none of us will keep Jesus' instructions perfectly in this life, how might it set the course for lifetime growth?

7. Which of the 3 principles from the outline under How to Live according to Kingdom Rule is the most helpful for you? How could you apply it?

8. How is Jesus' teaching about Loving God and Loving neighbor completely consistent with His teaching here? Explain.

9. Take some time to share prayer answers and requests and then pray together.