



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 5:17-26” on May 10th

### CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 5:13-16 affect your week?

### DISCOVER: MATTHEW 5:17-26

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

### HE CHANGED EVERYTHING

Jason described how Jesus “is the ONLY person to walk this earth who impacted the entire world (our past and our future!) for all time.” He changed everything! His life has so much to teach us. Do we want to know what He knows? DO we want to learn to think like Jesus thinks? Or, does Satan deceive us into thinking the things that fulfill us are the things we can’t do right now in this COVID 19 life?

- What is filling your thoughts right now? What are some things filling your mind that aren’t good, aren’t productive, and how could you change that? Do you want to think like Jesus thinks?
- What have you found you need most? What have you thought you absolutely needed to cope with life, but have found is NOT a necessity in this COVID 19 living?
- How has this given you a clearer realization of what you REALLY need, especially spiritually?

### FULFILLING THE LAW

Oftentimes people prefer studying the New Testament over studying the Old Testament. But, without the Old Testament we can’t understand the history of who Jesus is and the history of the nation of Israel. Jesus made it clear in Matthew 5 that He came NOT to cancel the Law but to fulfill it. He teaches us how to walk in it day by day.

- What does walking with Jesus day by day look like in your life?
- The Old Testament matters. How hungry are you to read the Old Testament and truly understand the realities of how Jesus’ sacrifice fulfilled the Law? To grasp how the entire Old Testament points to Jesus, the Messiah? How could you expand your study time to discover more of the Old Testament and celebrate it?

### SPIRIT OF THE LAW

It is one thing to obey the Law – the Ten Commandments – but being obedient to the SPIRIT of the Law raises the bar! The Spirit of the Law addresses issues that hit closer to home (anger, judging others, speaking against others, etc.). Those areas are more difficult for us to deal with because we find ways to justify our feelings.

- Describe a time when you kept God’s ‘rules’ but closed your eyes to His intent?
- In what areas of your life do you struggle most with keeping the Spirit of the Law? Whom could you ask to pray for/with you to let go of these choices?
- With whom could you share the idea of obeying the Spirit of the Law to point them to Jesus and their need for Him?



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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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### RECONCILIATION

We have all hurt or wronged someone, causing separation from them. Jesus teaches that RECONCILIATION is so important in those issues – so that the other person can see the love of Jesus at work in us, and so that we will be free in our obedience. Taking that step toward reconciliation is often a difficult one, but this issue stands in the way of our relationship with God.

- We are not in control of the other person’s reaction – we are only in control of our own obedience. How does that encourage or embolden you to take that difficult first step in a reconciliation conversation?

### RESPOND

We have just explored the beatitudes and living as salt and light in our world. If the Beatitudes become WHO WE ARE, ALL THE WORLD SEES JESUS! How has your life been impacted as a result of studying the words of Jesus in Matthew 5 so far?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

### PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

### KEEP READING

Deuteronomy 5-6:9 where God delivers the 10 Commandments and Moses talks about them. Philippians 3:7-11 where Paul talk about knowing and wanting to become more like Jesus.