CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read Matthew 5:17-20. Religious leaders like the Pharisees were thought to be the most "righteous" people around, but Jesus is calling for something more ("surpass" their righteousness). How do you think Jesus' listeners would have reacted to this calling?
- 4) Read Matthew 23:23. Jesus is confronting the hypocrisy of the Pharisees: they strictly follow the law, but they don't actually love like God does. What does true righteousness look like?
- 5) How do you keep your heart centered on God? What practices or habits help you to do so?
- 6) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

Memory Passage

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." — Matthew 5:20 (NIV)

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Call to Worship		Ana Ledesma
Songs of Praise		"Marvelous Light"
		"Rest on Us"
		"Is He Worthy?"
Prayer		Sergio Ledesma
Announcements		Felisha Caldeira
Sermon	• Finding Fulfillment •	Pastor Travis
Communion		
Song of Praise		"Jesus Paid it All"
Benediction		

Matthew 5:17-20 (NIV)

¹⁷ "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. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 23:23 (NIV)

²³ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Notes: Finding Fulfillment