

## 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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▪ July 7, 2024 ▪  
10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Ana Ledesma

Songs of Praise

*"Marvelous Light"*  
*"Rest on Us"*  
*"Is He Worthy?"*

Prayer

Sergio Ledesma

Announcements

Felisha Caldeira

Sermon

Pastor Travis

▪ *Finding Fulfillment* ▪

Communion

Song of Praise

*"Jesus Paid it All"*

Benediction

