I Need More of Jesus and His Word

November 1, 2026 | Matthew 5:17-20 | Pastor Daniel Torres

Sermon Outline

1. I need more of God's Word (vv. 17–18)
    1. God's Story: Jesus is the fulfilment of God's story throughout the Bible.
    2. God's Promises: Jesus fulfils God's promises, including the promise of a new heart and the Holy Spirit.
    3. God's Law: Jesus obeyed perfectly and gave His life to save us from sin.
2. I need more of Jesus in my life (vv. 19–20)

Optional Icebreaker

What is a story you enjoy hearing, reading, or watching more than once?

Main Idea

I need more of Jesus and His Word in my life. May the Holy Spirit draw me closer to Jesus, deepen my love for His Word, and transform the way I live.

Leader's Note

Choose the questions below that best fit your group and the time available. You do not need to discuss every question. However, we strongly recommend covering at least one question from each section: Upwards, Inwards, and Outwards.

Discussion Questions

UPWARDS - Growing in Relationship with God

1. In Matthew 5:17–18, Jesus says He came to fulfil the Scriptures. How does knowing that God's story and promises find their fulfilment in Jesus help us understand and trust God's Word?
2. Jesus teaches that our own goodness is not enough to save us (v. 20). How does knowing that Jesus lived a perfect life and gave His life for us change the way we approach God?
3. The sermon reminds us that love, not fear of punishment, should shape our relationship with God. What could help you grow in love for Jesus and His Word?

INWARDS - Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. The Bible tells one great story that points to Jesus. How can we help one another understand God's Word better, especially the parts we find difficult?
5. Jesus calls us to obey God from a heart of love rather than fear. How can we create a group where people feel encouraged to grow in faith instead of feeling judged for their struggles?
6. God promises to change our hearts through the Holy Spirit. What can we do as a small group to encourage one another to put Jesus' teachings into practice?

OUTWARDS - Reaching Those Around Us

7. Jesus teaches that true obedience comes from a heart changed by God. How can our everyday actions show people around us the love and grace of Jesus?
8. Some people think Christianity is about following religious rules. How can we help someone who is curious about faith discover that Christianity is about knowing Jesus and receiving new life in Him?
9. Think about the coming week. What is one simple, practical way you could share the hope of Jesus or encourage someone through God's Word?