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**Cornerstone Men**

Cornerstone Men equips men to follow Jesus, connect in community, and grow in their faith.

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**Cornerstone Women**

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.

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**Sermon Discussion Questions - January 16 & 18, 2025****Matthew: Part 2 - Sermon on the Mount****Matthew 5:17-20**

**Ice Breaker:** *As followers of Jesus, many of us have heard the Bible described as a “rule of life”.*

- **Q1:** Have you ever followed the rules for something but completely missed the point of it? What happened?

*Read Matthew 5:17-20 together. The Old Testament will always be the authoritative word of God.*

- **Q2:** When you think about the Old Testament, how do you usually engage with it—confusion, curiosity, fascination, avoidance, something else? Why do you think that is?
- **Q3:** In light of what Jesus said, how do you want to prayerfully grow in your engagement with the Old Testament?

*Seeing the Old Testament as “fulfilled” by Jesus changes the way we approach it.*

- **Q4: How does it strengthen or encourage your faith to know that all of Scripture ultimately points us to Jesus?**

*When it comes to applying the Old Testament, it's easy to drift toward one of two extremes.*

- **Q5: Which direction do you tend to lean toward more—license (ignoring God's commands) or legalism (trying to earn God's approval)? Why?**

*The law serves an essential function in our faith—it reveals our sin and our need for a Savior.*

- **Q6: Where are you most tempted to downplay or minimize sin in your own life?**
- **Q7: On the other hand, where do you find yourself trying to earn righteousness or God's approval through your own effort?**

*The Gospel brings us the gift of New Covenant righteousness—we receive new hearts that can follow God through the work of His Spirit in us.*

- **Q8: As you reflect on this passage, is there anything God might be calling you to repent of, surrender, or realign in your walk with Him?**

*Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!*