

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (WEEK 5)
LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 14, 2010
PASTOR BRIAN – LAW & RIGHTEOUSNESS (MT. 5:17-20)

connect

1. What is your name? What is your all-time favorite movie? What is your favorite book?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Explain.

study

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20
2. Why might some people in the crowd have thought Jesus came to abolish the Law and the Prophets?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said he came to fulfill The Law & The Prophets?
4. How does Jesus emphasize the importance of the Old Testament? What does that mean for us?
5. If the Old Testament did not exist, what would be missing in your knowledge of God?
6. Are there portions of the Bible you tend to skip over or neglect? Why?
7. Some people claim that Jesus abolished the law for the Christian and that we are only responsible for obeying the "law of love." These people claim that grace means we can do whatever we want. Respond to this view in light of Jesus' words in this passage. Read Titus 2:11-14.
8. How can our righteousness possibly surpass that of the Pharisees?

9. Do you struggle with what Brian talked about at the end of the message. Good things (Bible study, prayer, etc.) become the end rather than the means to growing in Christ? How can we make sure that doesn't happen?

pray

1. Pray that we might be transformed from the inside-out.
2. Prayer requests – how can you pray for each other this week?