



"The Law and the Prophets"
Week 2 in an 11-week Series

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Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20
Series: "Sermon on the Mount" – Week 2 of 11

SECTION 1 – READ MATTHEW 5:1-16 OUT LOUD TOGETHER

SECTION 2 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What are the most powerful words you have ever had spoken to you? Why were they so significant? Were they important because of who said them or the substance of what those words were or a combination of the two?
2. Why are the people suspicious of how Jesus is speaking and what he is saying? How does Jesus address their concerns?
3. What role does Scripture play in your everyday life? What percent of your time in the Word of God is spent in the New Testament and what percent is spent in the Old Testament?
4. What would Jesus say if he found a copy of today's Bible with only the New Testament in it? Why might this presentation be problematic?
5. What do you think is the ultimate purpose of Scripture?

6. Where are the places in your life that would be enriched by more time in the Word of God?

SECTION 3 – PRAYER

There is a lot happening in the world right now. Take time to really listen to the concerns and worries of the people in your group. Write down ways in which you can be in prayer for them throughout the next week. And spend time praying for one another. Lifting each other up.

SECTION 4 – SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

At every turn, Jesus quotes Scripture to address the things that are happening all around him. Pick a passage of Scripture and spend time over the next week ruminating over it. Write it on a sticky note and put it on your bathroom mirror. Read it three times a day. Ponder it. Memorize it. Get the Word of God IN you so that it is a permanent part of who you are.

SECTION 5 – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

In 2024, the Bible Project spent the entire year focused on the Sermon on the Mount. During our study and reflection, I will identify specific resources from them that can expand your perspective on the ins and outs of the words of Jesus. The following gives a good overview of Matthew 5:17-20.

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