



## **Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: SERMON ON THE MOUNT 4.15.2018**

### Recap:

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus wants to clarify his purpose with both a promise and a challenge. Jesus makes it clear that he isn't abolishing the Law.
- Jesus's Sermon on the Mount draws parallels to what Moses tells the Israelites. Both Moses and Jesus say that the covenant with God must be kept even after the Promised Land is reached. That it's not a matter of crossing a fixed finish line. Moses gives the challenge to keep the Law, and the promise is the Land. Jesus gives the challenge to keep the beatitudes and to love God and others, and the promise is the Kingdom of Heaven and that he is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.
- Jesus says that his fulfillment doesn't absolve us of our requirements to live a Godly life.
- God does not want us to just go through the motion of abiding by certain rules. If the love of God and from God doesn't exist, then none of the rest can exist.

### Discuss:

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20.
2. Jesus addresses those who are teach others to set aside some of the Law. Why do you think some Israelites might have wanted some of the Law to be abolished?
3. Why do you think God has created laws for his followers?
4. Read Matthew 22:35-40.
5. Why does Jesus say that the two greatest commandment revolve around love? How do you think "All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments"?
6. Do you think there is a distinction between showing love and showing God's love to others? What is the difference?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings Concerning Law and Righteousness

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 37

Romans 7:14-25