

## Message Notes

### JESUS part 6: The Fulfiller

Matthew 5:17-20

- jumping to conclusions
- font colors in some Bibles

#### #1 The **red** sections clarify the **gray** areas.

- it's not what you think - **vs. 17,19**
- it's still not what you think - **vs. 20**

#### #2 Jesus vehemently upheld God's **covenant law**.

- the real commandments - **vs. 21-28**
- the real test - **5:48, 7:12**

#### #3 Jesus restored the **law** to its fullest **force**.

- narrow road - **vs. 17-18**

#### #4 Jesus lived under the law to **fulfill** it and **replace** it.

- let Jesus' grace increase

## Group Questions

### JESUS part 6: The Fulfiller

Matthew 5:17-20

1. Talk about a time when science, culture, peers, or your own experiences led you to doubt God or your faith in God. How did you respond?
2. What does it look like when people try to earn God's favor rather than trusting in Jesus for it? Do you ever catch yourself depending more on your own work than on Jesus' work? If so, how?
3. **Read Matthew 5:21-24.** Here Jesus gave a specific application along with his explanation of the fifth commandment. As you seek to reflect God's love to others, how would you apply this concept to your own life?
4. **Matthew 7:12** is a summary of God's old covenant law, and **John 13:34** is the ultimate example of reflecting the love of God's new covenant in Christ. Compare the two. How do their motivations differ? Which one is more demanding, and why?
5. Jesus lived under God's covenant law so that he could fulfill it and replace it. What place should the Old Testament and all of its covenant laws have in the life of a Christian today? (John 5:39)
6. The default coping mechanism for many people is to ignore the guilt they feel or minimize the severity of the sins they commit. What would it look like for you to let Jesus' grace increase rather than coping in some other way?