



The Sermon on the Mount / Week 4
Matthew 5:17-20 ESV

Jesus is leading us to lasting transformation, not just quick fixes.

- We are all tempted to exchange lasting transformation for temporary comfort. Have you identified a spiritual area in your life that this is true? Where is it?
- Who do you say Jesus is? How do you think of Him? Just a prophet, maybe a wise man from the past, a guy with some good ideas, or the unique Son of God? Have you perhaps used Jesus in the past for a felt need of yours without submitting to his authority in your life?
- What does it mean that Jesus was the fulfillment or the completion of the Law and the Prophets? How are you tempted to fulfill the Law yourself in order to be pleasing to God? Will you rest in Christ as your righteousness before a holy God?
- Will you allow Christ to confront you in every area of your life?
- Do I have an eternal perspective or momentary perspective? This is the difference between having God's perspective versus a humanistic perspective in this life. How does having an eternal perspective comfort you through the very real trials of this life?
- Am I leading people to Jesus or a polished convenient version of Christianity? Do you at times feel like you have to apologize for things Jesus said? Where are you tempted to be "PC" in your presentation of the faith?
- Am I performing daily or submitting daily? The righteousness of the Pharisees and Scribes was an external righteousness. -RT Kendell
- Have you ever seen Christ as your substitute, fulfilling God's holy demands in your place, and that through repentance and faith you are now righteous in Him? Will you rest in Christ because of this, and worship him for all he is?