



The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

Re: GROUP

Small Group Discussion – The King's Road: The Sermon on the Mount (Part 1)

Text: Matthew 5:17–37

Theme: Jesus fulfills the Law and reveals the true standard of righteousness—one that reaches beyond actions to the heart.

1. Engage – Opening Reflection

- When have you realized that something you thought was “good enough” actually didn’t meet the true standard (e.g., a project, recipe, or relationship)?
- How might that kind of realization help us understand what Jesus is teaching about the law and righteousness?

2. Explore – Understanding the Text

1. What does Jesus mean when He says He came to *fulfill* the Law and not abolish it (vv. 17–18)?
2. How does the image of a “plumb line” (Amos 7:7–8) help us visualize what Jesus is doing with the Law in this passage?
3. What does Jesus mean by saying that our righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees (v. 20)?
4. How does Jesus move the focus of the commandments from *external actions* to *internal attitudes* in His teaching on anger and adultery?
5. Why is it significant that Jesus connects reconciliation with worship (vv. 23–24)? What does that reveal about the condition of our hearts?

3. Examine – Personal Application

1. In what ways might we be tempted to “relax” or soften one of Jesus’ commands in today’s culture?
2. How does Jesus’ teaching on lust challenge the idea that sin only happens in our actions and not in our thoughts?
3. Jesus calls His followers to deal *decisively* with sin (vv. 29–30). What might that look like practically in our lives?
4. How does Jesus’ view of marriage and divorce call us to a higher view of commitment, faithfulness, and grace?
5. When you compare your life to God’s “plumb line,” how do you see your need for Christ’s righteousness?

4. Equip – Living It Out

- What does it mean for you personally that Jesus *fulfilled* the law on your behalf?
- How can we live with integrity in a world that often “relaxes” God’s commands?
- Where is God calling you to pursue reconciliation, purity, or integrity this week?

5. Encourage – Closing Prayer Focus

- Thank God for sending Jesus, the One who fulfilled the Law perfectly.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any area of your heart where you’ve “relaxed” His commands.
- Pray for strength to live out the righteousness that comes by faith in Christ, not self-effort.

Prayer Focus

Spend time praying through the Beatitudes—asking God to shape your group with the heart of true disciples: humble, merciful, pure, and courageous witnesses who shine brightly for Christ.