

# Sermon Study Guide



## “Our Righteousness” – Matthew 5:17-20

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### What is this?

This study guide is meant to help you engage with the sermon passage and content in a deeper way. Specifically, this guide will help you to consider what the Bible and sermon impact you personally, the Redeemer Church community, and your life as an agent of Gospel change in your home, workplace, community and city.

### Who is this Study Guide for?

While this is designed for our Redeemer family, it can be used by just about anyone wanting to reflect on the Bible and the teaching at RBC. It can be used for individual or group study.

### Sermon Summary

Jesus anticipates concerns from his audience and prepares us for the rest of chapter 5 by showing us that He has come to fulfill the Law and we are obliged to obey the Law. We can never be “righteous enough” to enter the kingdom of heaven. This passage breaks us down by showing us the impossible standard we are expected to keep and drives us to the cross for mercy. As we look ahead to the rest of the story in Matthew, we see that Jesus held that impossible standard for us so that we might get the reward that we don’t deserve.

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### You

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Review Matthew 5:17-20. How does this speak to your life?

- Jesus hardened the Law’s demands for us, pushing obedience from external actions to internal disposition. How do you “soften” or “relax” the Law in your own life?

### Church

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What implications does Matthew 5:17-20 have for us as a church community?

- Jesus implies a relationship between practicing and teaching the Law. What are some practical ways that Redeemer could more closely obey and more faithfully teach God’s Word? What part do/can you play in this?

### City

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How does this passage speak to our city?

- What does our culture say is “righteous”? Given what you see on TV, the internet, social media and in our city, what picture does the world paint to tell us what “right living” and the “good life” look like?
- How does the world’s picture differ from Jesus’, and how might we work to model and nurture Gospel Righteousness in our city?