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Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

1.	When it comes to games, are you more of a rule follower or a rule bender? How do family and friends who are in the "other camp" take it?
2.	Verse 17 teaches that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament Scriptures. In what ways do you see Jesus fulfilling the Old Testament?
3.	How does knowing that the Old Testament points to Jesus change the way you read it?





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4.	What does Jesus' comment about the law in verse 18 teach about his view of the scriptures?
5.	According to verse 19, what is the basis for reward and greatness in the kingdom of heaven?
6.	Jesus teaches in this passage that all of scripture should be obeyed. How does our obedience affect the way we are salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16).
7.	What is "righteousness"? Why is it necessary to be righteous in order to enter into God's kingdom?
8.	In what ways is righteousness a proof of true salvation? In what ways have you experienced the fruit of salvation—a changing life?



