

LIVING UPSIDE DOWN

Week 4

BRBC Groups

May 5, 2024

Scripture | Matthew 5:17-42

Ice Breaker | 1. What is the oldest thing you own? Where did you get it and why do you still have it?

Going Deeper |

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. What are some questions you have had about the relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament?
3. Read Matthew 5:17-42
4. How does Jesus address the question of the Old Testament's relevance in Matthew 5:17-20?
5. What does it mean for Jesus to say that he came to fulfill the law and the prophets?
6. In the message this week Rob said that the Old Testament is "authoritative in principle, adaptable in practice." What do you understand that to mean? Do you agree or disagree with that statement?
7. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that righteousness must surpass that of the religious teachers of his time?
8. In the message this week Rob shared that the Old Testament reveals God's will for humanity. Do you agree or disagree with that? How does the Old Testament do that?
9. How does understanding the purpose of the Old Testament help us in our faith journey?
10. How does Jesus raise the expectations of following the law in Matthew 5:21-42?
11. What are some misconceptions people might have about following the law, and how does Jesus correct them?
12. What are some challenges you face in applying Old Testament principles to contemporary life, and how can we overcome them?
13. What does it mean that faith is about internal transformation, and not just external performance? In your own faith, do you find yourself emphasizing external performance or internal transformation more? How can we practically focus on internal transformation more?