



Group Lesson

Law & Grace

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Get a great job, have lots of money, being independent, power, certainty – that's how we define success. What if you could cheat the system? Jesus taught us everything we need to know about living life to the fullest. God wants the best for your life. Find out how to get it.

Read Matthew 5:17-20. What do you know about the “law” referred to in this passage? Why is Jesus making a point about the importance of the law? How do you relate to how the Pharisees understood and lived out the law?

Grace is as important as the law. How do you see these two together? Would you say you typically turn to law or grace? Explain.

Read Matthew 5:33-37. Are there people you struggle with because their “yes and “no” isn't always consistent? How does grace fit into these situations? What do you think others would say about your consistency with yes's and no's?

Read Matthew 5:38-42. How do you usually react to people who hurt or attack you in some way? Are there people now that you have bitterness toward because of their actions? Does the way you react normally help, or fuel, the situation?

Read Matthew 5:43-48. Why is it so hard to love those who hurt us? Share with the group your experience with the love and grace of God. How does this experience help in how we react and relate to others? Who do you need to offer grace to this week?

Pray for God to speak clearly about where grace needs to be experienced and given. Seek God for the ability to live in grace and truth in our lives.

Note: If you aren't in a community group, let us know you want to take that next step. Email us at NextSteps@communitychurch.info. Group is not about a meeting, but instead people coming together to build relationships with each other and Jesus while they do this thing called life. No matter where you find yourself in life, there is a group that is right for you, and we'll help you find it.