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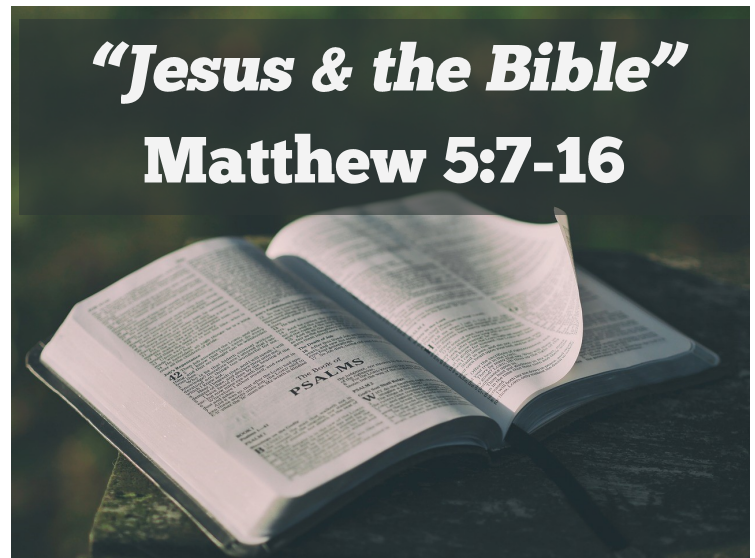
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## Head: Understanding the Bible

*"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it's the parts that I do understand."*  
~Mark Twain

- 1) What do you think of Mark Twain's quote? Are there parts of the Bible that bother you or hurt your feelings?
- 2) Read Matthew 5:17 & 7:12. What does Jesus mention in both verses? What does this tell us about what we should expect Jesus to talk about in between?
- 3) How new, in relation to the Old Testament, is Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount? What should be the Christian's relationship to the Old Testament, according to Jesus?  
יָ yod (iota) יְהוָה - Yahweh  
יִּי - dot is the difference between a vowel and a consonant
- 4) What is the consequence for lessening the demand of God's law? What makes you great in the kingdom of heaven?
- 5) How can one have a greater righteousness than the Pharisees and scribes? How does verse 20 help you approach the rest of the commands in Jesus' sermon?

## Heart: Using the Gospel on Our Affections

*“It ought to be most certain and obvious to you that the treasures of Paradise have been opened to you in the gospel; that the riches of God have been exhibited and eternal life itself revealed...it follows that every good thing we could think or desire is to be found in this same Jesus Christ alone.”*

~John Calvin, “*Christ is the End of the Law*”

6) How does Jesus fulfill the Law? How does Jesus fulfill the Prophets? The Promises? The Judgements?

## Hands: Applying the Gospel to Our Lives

*“Without the gospel everything is useless and vain; without the gospel we are not Christians; without the gospel all riches is poverty, all wisdom, folly before God; strength is weakness and all the justice of man is under the condemnation of God. But by the knowledge of the gospel we are made children of God, brothers of Jesus Christ, heirs of God with Jesus Christ, the poor are made rich, the weak strong the fools wise, the sinners justified.*

~John Calvin, “*Christ is the End of the Law*”

7) How should we read our Bibles? What difference does it make to know that all of the Bible is about Jesus when we come to a place that hurts our feelings?

8) What kind of obedience is Jesus after? How are you doing?

9) What are we supposed to be doing with God’s commandments? How do you do that in your church, home and neighborhood?

10) Take time to pray prayers of gratitude for Jesus’ fulfillment and for help to obey out of a love for the God who gave us Christ in His gospel.