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Matthew 5

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 tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. **19**

Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20.
2. Why do you think that Jesus needs to explain that he is not getting rid of the Law? What do people assume about him?
3. Why does Jesus say the Law is so important?
4. What is the difference between Jesus' approach to the Law and the approach to the Law taken by the Pharisees and Jewish teachers?
5. What does it mean to live a righteous life?
6. How might we live righteously without living self-righteously?

Take time to pray for one another.