

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Middle-High School

DATE: 9/6/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:17-20

LESSON: Jesus and the Bible

INTRO

This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.

- **Read Matthew 5:17-20.** From these verses, how would you explain Jesus' view of the Scriptures? *(Parent Note: Jesus has an incredibly high view of the Scriptures. Says every part of it is divine. Nothing will fail to be accomplished in it. He also says that we should take it seriously. We shouldn't be lax or have a low view of it.)*
- **Reread v. 19.** We talked about two ways we might relax or break the law. Do you remember what they were? How would you explain them in your own words? *(Parent Note: 1. Breaking the letter of the law - overt arrogance and dismissal of parts of God's Word. or 2. Breaking the spirit of the law by acting like we can obey it perfectly on our own)*
 - Which do you tend to lean towards more than the other? If you aren't sure, ask your parents what they think.
- What does it mean to approach the Scriptures with confidence?
- What does it mean to approach the Scriptures with humility?
- **Reread v. 20.** How can our righteousness possibly exceed that of the Pharisees? *(Parent Note: This is a gospel set up)*