

Weekly Discussion Guide – 4-14-2024

“The Spirit of the Law” Matthew 5:13-48

1. What elements affect life within in a particular kingdom?
2. Read Matthew 5:13-48. Count how many times Jesus refers to “the kingdom of heaven.” How would you define the kingdom of heaven?
3. In Matthew 5:13-16, what do you think salt and light have to do with the kingdom of heaven?
4. Of all the topics Jesus addresses in Matthew 5:17-48 (“you have heard it said...”, “but I tell you...”), which do you find most challenging and why?
5. How would you summarize the difference Jesus seems to be making between obedience to the Old Testament Law and the kind of righteousness He is calling people to?
6. Based on what you know about “the Law and the Prophets,” to what do you think Jesus was referring when He said, “until everything is accomplished” (Matt. 5:18)?
7. How might this section of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount reshape our understanding of what it means to be “perfect” (Matt. 5:48).