

# Foster City Campus – November 12, 2017



Religion in the Upside Down Kingdom – Matthew 5:17-26

Dan Reid – Foster City

1. What difference have you noticed between life in a formal religion and life in a faith relationship with Jesus Christ? What is most attractive about people of faith? What is least attractive about people of religion?
2. How did Jesus fulfill the Law through His life and through His death?
3. How might your view of the Law need to change after seeing how Jesus viewed the Law?
4. How can we understand and be encouraged after reading Jesus' proclamation in verse 20? (see Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:27 for more encouragement)
5. How does fear and pride pull us into religion and away from a relationship with Christ? What difference does trust in a loving heavenly Father make?
6. What role might the indwelling Holy Spirit, a tender heart, and a love for the Law play in helping you fulfill the deeper meanings of the Law? How about in the specific area of anger?
7. Did Jesus words about reconciliation prompt you to seek reconciliation in a relationship? What might be the next step for you?
8. Is there a business relationship you may need to make right as you seek to apply the deeper meaning of the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment?

South Campus – November 12, 2017



The Murderer In Me - Matthew 5:17-26

Mark Mitchell - South Campus

1. How do you respond to the statement, “In the sight of God what most of us do every day is as liable to judgment as what that shooter in Texas did?”
2. What was Jesus attitude towards the OT law and Scriptures?
3. What did he mean that he came to “fulfill the law and the prophets”?
4. In what way does Jesus idea of righteousness differ from that of the scribes and Pharisees?
5. Why is it so much easier to follow rules than to manage our heart?
6. In what way was Jesus teaching on murderous anger consistent with the Old Testament Scriptures?
7. When is anger legitimate? What differentiates righteous anger from what Jesus describes in vv. 21-26?
8. How do you typically deal with your own anger? How do you deal with those who are angry at you?
9. Are there any relationships where you feel the Lord might be telling you to make amends? Explain how the group can pray for you in taking steps to obey Jesus.