

Jesus, the Bible, and Me
Matthew 5:17-20

You're not Good Enough. And that's a Good Thing
Growth Group Questions
Week of February 11, 2018



1. How have you struggled (or not struggled) with the many rules and grace of the bible?

2. "Do-more and try-harder" seems very American! But what's crazy-making about a "do-more-try-harder" approach to God's rules? Why do many of us keep going back to this strategy? What's God's hope for us?

3. Let's practice the Gospel of Jesus coming alive in going deeper and obeying God's commands. Read one of these passages aloud at a time, then thoughtfully work through the four questions. Move to the next scripture and do the same, etc., maybe adding a command of your own choosing. (Adapted from *The Gospel Centered Life* by Thune and Walker)
 - 1 Peter 3.8-9

 - Leviticus 19.33-34

 - Philippians 4.4-7
 - a. What is God's command?

 - b. Why/how am I not good enough (be specific)?

 - c. How did Jesus obey God's command perfectly (discover a specific example or illustration of Jesus obeying this command in the bible)?

 - d. How can Jesus empower me by His Spirit this week to obey this command?

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Message Notes

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1. Jesus and the Bible

- a. Jesus fulfilled all prophecies of the Bible
- b. Jesus completed some of the Bible
- c. Jesus obeyed all of the bible

2. Jesus, the Bible, and Us

- a. Do More. Try Harder. (Legalism)
- b. Chill. Let the Grace Flow. (License)

3. The Gospel

- a. God's Command
- b. I'm not Good Enough
- c. Jesus Obeyed Perfectly!
- d. Jesus Lives in Me!