

Jesus' Words about ...Religion

October 4, 2020

Matthew 5:17 "Don't misunderstand why I have come, I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, *I came to accomplish **their purpose**...*"

What was the purpose of the law and the prophets writings?

Matthew 9:12-13 "...*I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.* For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Matthew 12:7 "But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: '*I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.*'"

Hosea 6:6 "I want you to **show love**, not offer sacrifices. I want you to **know me** more than I want burnt offerings."

The purpose was always for God's people to
Know Him and to show His love!

Matthew 5:20 "...unless your righteousness is *better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven!*"

Matthew 15:1-14 - Jesus confronts religious traditions
vs.8-9 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God."

Matthew 23 - Jesus criticizes the religious leaders
vs.28 "Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Where have we lost sight of knowing God and followed man made ideas?

In what ways have we striven to look righteous rather than to just "showing love"?

WE COME SERVE STAND GROW GIVE GO **TOGETHER**

HOUSE CHURCHES **New Semester is underway** Our website and the ChurchCenter App have been updated with current information for our House Churches and Focus groups.

TOGETHER READING PLANS **New Plans Selected** Jason is leading the devotionals this month through the Bible App. Links to the plans can be found on our website.

BUILDING PROJECTS **We need your help** We have several building projects we would like to complete in and around the building. If you would like to help at your convenience, grab a list at the information desk and contact Jason Sweet.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **6-8pm tonight!** 7th - 12th graders will gather at the church this evening for a prayer night.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS **Thursday at 10am** Mothers of Preschoolers gather together to be encouraged and strengthen one another through this beautiful yet challenging season of life.

THERE IS MORE MARRIAGE WEEKEND **This Friday & Saturday** There is still time to register through the ChurchCenter App, the Facebook Event or our website. The First session starts at 6pm on Friday and will continue at 9am on Saturday. Your registration will include a few goodies and lunch on Saturday.

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION **Next Sunday Afternoon** We will be receiving and distributing 1,000 food boxes the next three Sunday afternoons. We need help to organize and distribute so see Julie if you would like to participate, receive a box, know someone who could receive a box, or if you have any other questions.

coming up...

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **November 13th Dropoff** Put together a shoebox to bless children across the world. Instructions are available at the Living Outward table in the lobby.

PARTNER PARTY **November 13th!** Save the Date to come together as NTC Partners to celebrate what is happening in our community and to look forward to the year ahead.



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