

JESUS

GREATEST HITS

02/11/2024 "The Ruling on the Field Stands"

1. What resonated with you most from Sunday's message? Why?
2. Do you tend to be more of a rule follower or a rule breaker?
3. In what ways have you seen churches lean too heavily on rules? What kind of culture or community did that create?
4. Read Matthew 5:17-20. Jesus states that He fulfills the Law and the Prophets. What do you think He means by that? How might the verses that precede Matthew 5:17-20 give us an insight to this purpose?
5. What are some reasons that Jesus saw it important to uphold the centrality of the "Law and the Prophets"?
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7. Read Matthew 23:1-29? What stands out to you from these verses? What is the main indictment Jesus has against this group of Scribes and Pharisees?
8. What about their righteousness was a "lesser" righteousness? What would it look like for our righteousness to exceed theirs?
9. Long before Jesus, Jeremiah and Ezekiel both spoke of the Spirit of God resting on His people and the law being written on their hearts (Ezekiel 11:19-20; Jeremiah 31:31-34). How could you see this image addressing the issue the Pharisees had?
10. What does it mean to have the law written on our hearts? How might this take place?
11. Are there laws or values of Jesus that you are actively pushing against? One's you just don't want to follow? Are there some that you do a better job of enforcing with others than you are yourself?
12. How can you focus on reconnecting with Jesus, being fully committed to the relationship and allow that relationship to direct your week?