



The New Law for the New Kingdom February 13, 2022

Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever witnessed or experienced someone responding with love to hurtful (or even hateful) behavior? What stuck with you most about that experience?
- Read Matthew 5:17-20. Consider watching the [Bible Project video](#) about the Law again. What questions do you have? What does it mean when Jesus says that He fulfills the Law?
- How is the righteousness Jesus describes in the Sermon on the Mount different from the righteousness of the Pharisees of His day? How does Jesus' righteousness better fulfill the Law and the Prophets?
- Read Matthew 7:12 and James 3:9-10. What important perspectives do these verses remind us to take when speaking to other people? Knowing that loving others is not the same as agreeing with them, how can you improve in the skill of disagreeing agreeably?
- Share about a time when you made an effort to reconcile with someone (or they made an effort to reconcile with you) and it went well. Share about a time when that has gone poorly. What are some steps you can take to not double down in anger when attempts at reconciliation don't go well?

Dig Deeper

- If you want to dig deeper into the concept of the Law and the Prophets, check out this [2 episode podcast series](#) from the Bible Project.

Pray

- Reflect on James 3:9-10 and Matthew 7:12. Ask God for the wisdom and courage to pursue peace and reconciliation, and that we would be people who treat others with respect and dignity.

Next Steps

- Is there anyone in your life who you need to reconcile with? Pray for the courage and wisdom to commit to doing so. If there someone who can pray for you and support/hold you accountable to this reconciliation, make a plan to talk to them soon.
- Write down Matthew 7:12 and keep it somewhere you will see it daily. Commit to memorizing this verse.