



Read Matthew 5:17-20

1. Are you someone who likes to follow rules? Or are you a more of a free spirit?
2. Regarding Jesus and the law, how does he both abolish and not abolish it?
3. “If in the process it may appear that certain elements of the law are for all practical purposes "abolished," this will be attributable not to their loss of their status as the Word of God but to their changed role in the era of fulfilment, in which it is Jesus, the fulfiller, rather than the law which pointed forward to him, who is the ultimate authority.” France, Gospel of Matthew. Do you agree?
4. How does understanding Jesus as the lens through which we see the world help us understand how he fulfils the law?
5. Are there any modern-day Pharisee behaviours in the church (in our church and in the wider church)?
6. How do we know the someone’s heart? Is there a way of testing why someone says or does things?
7. What does your heart look like today?