

Community Group Questions

1. Matthew 5:20 refers to the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees? What sort of righteousness did they have? See Matthew 6:1, 5, 16; 23:24-28.
2. Matthew 5:20 says that our righteousness should exceed that of the scribes and the Pharisees? What sort of righteousness is Jesus referring to? How does Matthew 5:21-48 relate to Jesus' teaching about this type of righteousness?
3. How do we get the righteousness Jesus refers to in Matthew 5:20? See Philippians 3:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:20.
4. Does Matthew 5:20 teach that we will not get to heaven unless we have a righteousness that exceeds that of the Pharisees? How do we make sense of this passage in light of our belief that we are saved by grace alone (Eph. 2:8-9)?
5. If the kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God, then how does this help you to understand Matthew 6:33? If someone is not seeking God's kingdom first, then what are they seeking?
6. What do we learn from Matthew 7:21-23 & 1 John 2:4, 6, 9 about a kingdom centered person?
7. What does Matthew 13:44-46 teach us about the kingdom of God?
8. What does Luke 9:57-62 teach us about the kingdom of God?