

# FIND YOUR HOPE

Matthew 5:17-20

September 2, 2018

HOW DO I CLOSE THE GAP? – 2 LIES AND A TRUTH

I. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word to my life. – v. 17-19

III. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word for New Life. – v. 20, 17

**MY ONLY HOPE TO LIVE FOR \_\_\_\_\_ IS CLOSING  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ BETWEEN MY LIFE AND GOD'S WORD.**

II. \_\_\_\_\_ my life to God's Word. – v. 20

### Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$2,053.00

This Month: \$0.00

Last Month: \$14,296.00

Monthly Budget: \$17,338.00



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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

I have no hope in myself, but only in my Savior and His righteousness.

### 1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Matthew 5:17-20. In your own words, summarize what Jesus says about God's Word in these verses? What 2 approaches to closing the gap between my life and God's Word does Jesus reject in these verses? What are some modern day examples of these 2 approaches to closing the gap?

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What does it mean that Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets? How does this offer hope for closing the gap between God's Word and my life? Why does Jesus address this before launching into the rest of His sermon and instructions for living in the Kingdom?

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### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What are some examples of how you sometimes abolish or relax God's Word in your life? What are some examples of how you try to achieve your own righteousness?

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What is different in your mind, heart, life and relationships because you believe Jesus your only chance at righteousness and fulfilling God's Word? How does that truth change the way you interact with God and His Word?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

What is one area in your life right now where you are ignoring or relaxing God's Word? What is one area in your life right now where you are relying on your own strength to reach righteousness? How does Jesus' life, death and resurrection call you out of each of these?

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### 4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Write down a gap that exists right now between your life and God's Word and commit pray every day this week, asking the Holy Spirit to close that gap through Christ's righteousness.

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