



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of December 12, 2021

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 5:17-20](#).

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

- In this Advent season, we remember that God became incarnate once to accomplish our salvation, and that He will come again. Do you ever yearn for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? **When do you find yourself looking forward to His Second Advent?**
- In this week’s passage, why might **some people think Jesus came to abolish** the Law or the Prophets? (17)
- How did Jesus **“fulfill” the Law?** (17)
- When will **“all be accomplished”**, and **what is life like** when “all is accomplished”? (18)
- What is **purpose of God’s Scriptures?**
- How would you **summarize Jesus’ view of the Old Testament Scriptures?** (17-18)
- What relationship does Jesus see between **understanding the Scripture** and **our place in His Kingdom?** (19)
- The scribes and Pharisees were extremely committed to observing the Old Testament. So, **what does Jesus mean by His statement in verse 20?**
- **Pray together** in light of this week’s passage.