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***Sermon:*** *Christian Righteousness*

***Series:*** *Sermon on the Mount*

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**Sermon Resources**

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**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

Matthew 5:17-48

THE PROMISES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ARE FULFILLED IN JESUS

RIGHTEOUSNESS GOES TO THE VERY CORE OF WHO WE ARE

**(SERMON IN A SENTENCE)**  Our wholeness (perfection) comes from a deep level of righteousness that only comes from our King as we live and look like Him.

**MEMORY VERSE**

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.- Matthew 5:48

**WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?**

(Icebreaker) As we start this semester of Community Groups, what do you hope to get out of it?  What expectations do you have coming into it?

What stood out to you from this message? What was your biggest takeaway?

After listening to this sermon, how did you answer Jon’s question at the beginning of the sermon: “What does it mean to have a righteousness that exceeds that of the Pharisees?”

How do you manage the tension between the grace and forgiveness Jesus teaches and what we see in Matthew 5:17-48?

Which of the six “tests” or “examples” that Jesus gave challenges you the most?  What will you do about that?

How does the understanding that “perfect” in v. 48 means “whole” or “complete” change your view on this passage?

Based on the sermon and how God has been working in your life, what is one thing you need to focus on this week?

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Should our group commit Church 2:2 for 15 weeks? Why or why not?