



## READ AND DISCUSS GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

### Review Matthew 1

1. What observations do you have about Jesus' lineage? What questions do you have? What is interesting about it?
2. What titles does Matthew assign Jesus (1, 16, 18, 21)? How does this connect Jesus to the Old Testament?

### Read Matthew 5: 1-18

1. What are some ways people typically try to find fulfillment in life?
2. In Matthew 5:17, what is the importance of Jesus' response to His disciples? What did Jesus say was His goal with regard to the Law and the Prophets?

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

CONSIDER WRITING RESPONSES IN A GROUP JOURNAL TO BE PRAYED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

1. In your own words, how does what was shared this week about Jesus lead to a more fulfilling life for us?
2. Who do you know where you live, work, study, and play that is struggling by living under the law? Share the first name of the person God brought to mind. Commit to praying for them throughout these six weeks.

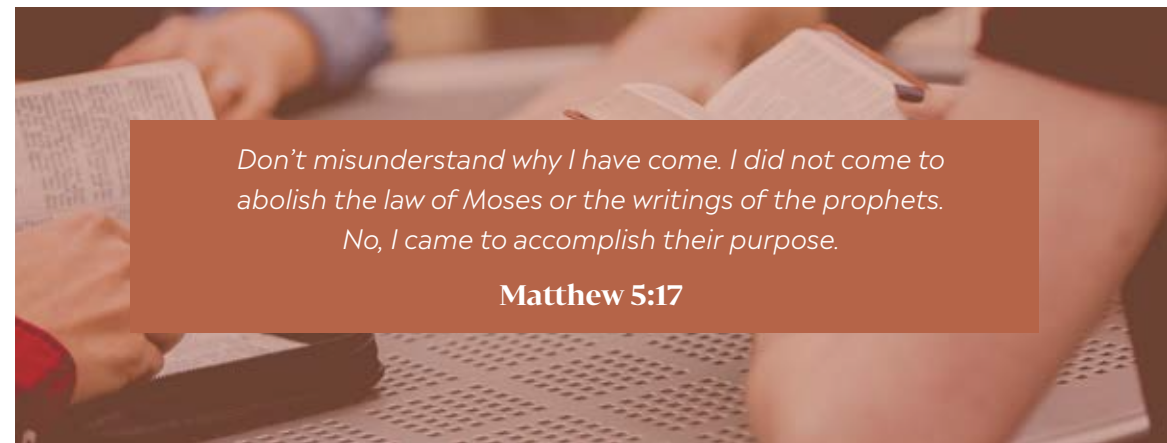
## CLOSING PRAYER PRAY OUT LOUD TOGETHER

Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to save all of us from our sins. Jesus, thank you for becoming one of us and fulfilling the law through your sacrifice. Jesus, thank you for giving us a full life. Help us to see the full life your way. Holy Spirit, give us Your courage to live out this full life where we live, work, study, and play. Amen.

## THE BIGGER STORY READING PLAN

### EXPECTATIONS OF THE MESSIAH

- M** MARCH 7 | Matthew 1
- T** MARCH 8 | Matthew 2
- W** MARCH 9 | Matthew 3:1-12
- TH** MARCH 10 | Matthew 3:13-17
- F** MARCH 11 | Matthew 4:1-11
- S** MARCH 12 | Matthew 4:12-25



*Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.*

**Matthew 5:17**