

## Getting started...

1. Share an experience where either you misunderstood a person/situation or you felt misunderstood.
2. Share your current picture of God and how it may have changed over the years.



## Digging Deeper...

3. Read Matthew 5:17. Why was Jesus so misunderstood? What other examples are there in the Gospels where Jesus is misunderstood or challenged because of his actions/teachings.
4. In order to clarify who He is ... Jesus says He has come to fulfil the law and the prophets. How does Jesus fulfil the prophets? Would this have made a difference to the audience listening to Jesus' sermon? How does this change the way we see Jesus?
5. Read Matthew 5:20, Mark 7:6 and John 5:39-40. How did the Pharisees and religious leaders view the law, the scriptures and righteousness? In what ways can this attitude creep into our churches today?
6. Jesus fulfils the law by redefining 6 key topics (Matthew 5:21-43) Go through each topic (or as many as you can) and discuss the way Jesus redefines each topic. How can we live out what Jesus' says?

## How To Apply This...

7. Pray and ask God to reveal to us if we have a Pharisee mindset. Choose to surrender that to God.
8. Commit to understanding and living what God says rather than what other people think.
9. Choose one of the 6 topics and share how you commit to live it out better this week.



**Passionate spirituality is a journey to grow our intimacy with God and our love for others. As we grow in this walk, we will see our connection with God deepen and our love for others will grow.**