

## Getting into Our Lives .....Group time - 20 minutes

1. What do you value about the Old Testament? What has helped you to see how it leads you to Jesus?
2. Practically speaking, what has ultimate authority in your life? Your feelings, your thoughts, friends, popular opinion or Jesus?
3. If Jesus is your ultimate authority why would that make you stand out like an "Elephant in the Room"? What would be the on-going effects?

## Getting Out the Gospel .....Group time - 5 minutes

Some of the stories of the Old Testament are well known in popular culture. How could you help point someone to Christ using these texts (pick one)?

- Genesis 1-3 (Creation & the Fall)
- Genesis 22 (Abraham & Isaac)
- Exodus 14 (Israel crosses the Red Sea)
- 2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51 (David & Bathsheba)

## Getting into Prayer .....Group time - 10 minutes

**Reach:** "Father of Truth, shine so that Jesus may be known, found and loved by all who read Your Word."

**Grow:** "Help us to value all of your Scriptures and to understand how they all point us to Jesus. Work in us by Your Holy Spirit so that we will obey and love Jesus' commands."

**Empower:** "Teach us to lead others to Jesus through our obedience and our love of the Scriptures. Make firm our desire for righteousness, so that we might live out what Jesus has given us."

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## ***The Ultimate Authority*** ***Matthew 5:17-20***

***The Scriptures lead us to Jesus and He leads us to true righteousness.***

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***I never knew:***

***I need to change:***

***I should share:***

# GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of November 12, 2017

## Getting Started .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. Who are some of the most influential people of our time and why?
2. Have you ever been part of a sport or industry before and after a major change or advancement took place?
3. Are there any Old Testament books that you are more likely to avoid reading?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting into God's Word .....Group time - 40 minutes

### Read Matthew 5:17-18

1. What are the "the Law or the Prophets"? What is an "iota" and a "dot"?
2. Why would people think Jesus came to abolish the Scriptures? What does Jesus mean when He says He will "fulfill" them?
3. What do these verses tell us about who Jesus' identity and authority?

### John 5:24, 39-47

4. Why did Jesus say the Scriptures bear witness about Him?  
See also: Luke 24:44-7

### Read Matthew 5:19-20

5. Why shouldn't people take Jesus' commands lightly?
6. What kind of righteousness did the scribes and Pharisees have? How can it be exceeded?

7. Is it possible to enter God's kingdom through earned righteousness?

### Read Philippians 3:8-11

8. Where does Paul's righteousness come from?
9. Why then does Paul appear to still work diligently to become more like Christ?