



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3 Episode 1

The Purpose and The Promise

We've finally made it to the New Testament! Join us this week as we begin to examine the Gospel of Matthew.

Introduction

Recap From Seasons 1 & 2

So far in seasons 1 and 2 of the Forgotten Jesus Podcast, we have begun to shift our thinking from a modern-day Western perspective to the ancient Hebrew perspective. Pastor Robby has walked us through some key historical and cultural contexts to help us think more like Jesus as we prepare to study the book of Matthew.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

How does studying Jesus' culture help us better understand and obey His teachings?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud **Matthew 5:17-20**.

What are some ways Jesus fulfilled (interpreted) the law?

Why do we have to understand the Old Testament to be able to fully appreciate the New Testament?

Why do you think Jesus clashes so often with the Pharisees over their interpretation and application of the oral law?



Application

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

What questions do you typically ask of the text when you read the Bible?

Have people read aloud the following passages: **Matthew 5:21-26, Matthew 5:27-30, Matthew 5:31-32, Matthew 5:33-37, Matthew 5:38-42, and Matthew 5:43-48.**

How does Jesus's interpretation of the law in these verses differ from the Jews' previous understanding and interpretation?

How does Jesus' interpretation of the law in these verses challenge us as believers today?

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

Pray for what the Lord will teach us through Season 3 of The Forgotten Jesus Podcast.

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Resources

Catch up on Seasons 1 and 2 and find out more about The Forgotten Jesus Podcast, including show notes on the Forgotten Jesus Podcast [webpage](#).

The Forgotten Jesus Book

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life into Jewish men and women. You can buy it [here](#).

