

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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How did God fix our inability to make ourselves right with God and with our fellow human beings?

2. Read 1 Peter 2:23-25, Ephesians 5:3-20. Based on Peter’s description of what Jesus did and didn’t do in verse 23, as well as Paul’s admonitions in Ephesians 5, what does living for righteousness look like today or Christians?

3. Read Matthew 6:33. What is the difference between seeking the kingdom and righteousness versus trying to earn our salvation or the approval of others by doing righteous acts?

4. Read Matthew 19:16-24 and Luke 10:25-29. What did the two men get right about righteousness?

What didn’t they understand about righteousness?

Why does it seem easier to have a list of rules than to have a relationship with the righteous one?

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