

What if Jesus Was Serious?  
The Real Choice in 2020  
Sunday, November 1, 2020  
Guest Speaker: Tim Jacobs (EFCA West Superintendent)

**The Big Idea:** The Real Choice In 2020 Is Between Living Under The \_\_\_\_\_ Of "Rules-Driven" Religion Or The \_\_\_\_\_ Of "Grace-Driven" Eternal Life.

**PASSAGE:** Matthew 5:21-48

**"Rules-Driven" Religion ("You have heard it said"):**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ God's Law
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Expectations
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ My Understanding to "\_\_\_\_\_"
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Me

**"Grace-Driven" Eternal Life ("But I say to you"):**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ God's Law
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Expectations
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ My Vision to "\_\_\_\_\_"
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ God

What is the goal? \_\_\_\_\_.

**NEXT STEP:**

Based upon how God spoke to me through this message, my next step is:

**SHARE A QUESTION:**

You can text your question about today's message to (928) 288-5490 or submit it via the comment section on YouTube or Facebook. We will do our best to share your question during our Q&A time!

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- Read Matthew 5:21-48. How did what Tim shared on Sunday reframe or change the way you read or understood this teaching of Jesus?
- Tim Jacobs contrasted the four characteristics of Rules-Driven Religion with the four characteristics of Grace-Driven Eternal Life. Which contrast best described your struggle in your relationship with Jesus?
- In Week 2 of this series, Pastor Scott said that "Jesus is concerned with heart transformation, not behavior modification." In what ways do you think this phrase is reflected in the passage we examined? (Matthew 5:21-48)
- One of the themes in this message is the idea of settling for less than God intended. In your relationship with Jesus, where do you see yourself settling or losing the fire you had in a previous season of your life? Why do you think you've settled?
- At the bottom of the notes for this message was a sentence that read "based upon how God spoke to me through this message, my next step is \_\_\_\_\_." What did you put in that blank? Have you taken that step yet? How can our group help you in taking that step?