

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions
“Sermon on the Mount: Disciplines of the Heart ”
Matthew 6:1-8
February 18, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

1. Is it important for others to see how good of a Christian you are?
 - a. Whose opinion of you is the only one that matters?
2. What is the motive when we practice righteousness in front of others “to be seen by them (verse 1)?”
 - a. How is this different from Matthew 5:16?
 - b. Whether we do spiritual practices in front of others or in secret, what should our motive be?
3. When you do these practices with the right motives, what is the reward from the Father?
 - a. Why is there no reward from God if you do it for the wrong reasons?
4. What is the attitude represented by not letting your right hand know what your left has is doing (verse 3)?
 - a. What is the danger in dwelling on your good deeds?
5. How can you pray in order to align yourself with God’s will?
6. Do you literally need to go into a closet to pray (verse 6)?
 - a. How should you pray to fulfill this command?
 - b. How can you keep this attitude when you do a group prayer?

7. What are some of the mistakes people make in prayer that are covered by verse 7?
 - a. What are the wrong motives behind that kind of prayer?
 - b. What's wrong with trying to manipulate God?
8. How does following the teachings of this passage help build our relationship with God?