



Life Group Discussion Guide
Sermon on the Mount
Whose Kingdom are You Building? – Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18
Brian Stark
April 10, 2022

Main thought: Are you seeking people's praise or God's glory?

Outline

The Motive of the Mission (v. 1)

The Goal of the Giving (v. 2-4)

The Purpose of the Prayer (v. 5-8)

The Heart of the Hunger (v. 16-18)

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Share a time when you were the recipient of an anonymous gift of some kind. How did that make you feel?

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- How were you intentional in loving your enemies this week?

Sermon Review (suggested time 15 min)

Review Matthew 6:1-8 & 16-18 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this message or passage?
- What is Jesus' assumption about the disciplines of giving, praying and fasting? Why are they important disciplines?
- How have you seen God encourage, strengthen and bless you as you have practiced these disciplines?
- What concerns Jesus the most when it comes to the practice of these disciplines?
- Consider as a group how these disciplines can become a hindrance rather than a help. What danger(s) do we need to be cautious of as we practice them?



- What other disciplines or practices do we have that may need the same cautions? What would those cautions be?

Digging Deeper (suggested time 10 minutes)

Read Matthew 5:14-15 and discuss the following questions.

- How does this passage compare to the Matthew 6 passages we just looked at?
- Why are the people encouraged to do good works in front of others in this passage?
- When would it have been inappropriate for them to do good works in front of others?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Have you received God's free gift of salvation, hope and joy?
- Which discipline do you need to take steps to begin or grow in?
- Ask God to reveal your motives as you pursue Him and demonstrate your faith in practical ways.

Spend time gathering prayer requests, praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 20 minutes)