



Sermon Discussion Questions: Matthew 6

Matthew 6:1-7, 16-18

- 1) Share a time of meaningful giving, prayer, and/or fasting. What was the occasion? How did God meet and minister to you?
- 2) Jesus calls His people to practice their righteousness in secret rather than to be seen by others. Why? How easy or hard is this for you?
- 3) When we practice our righteousness in secret, Jesus says that our Father sees and rewards. What rewards do you think He has in mind? How might this encourage you?
- 4) Describe your current practice of giving, praying, and fasting. How might the Lord be inviting you to grow in each of these areas? Be specific.
- 5) How might your group encourage and pursue these practices together?

Matthew 6:8-10

- 1) When was the first time (or a memorable time) you heard and/or prayed the Lord's Prayer?
- 2) What does it mean for you to call God "Father"? Why was this significant for the Jewish audience?
- 3) Jesus prayed for His Father's name to be hallowed. What does this reveal about His heart? To what extent does this describe your heart? How might you show greater honor for God's name?
- 4) In what ways do you long for God's Kingdom to come on earth the way it is in heaven in your personal holiness, your marriage, your family, your work, your neighborhood, your world? Be specific. Spend some time praying as a group for what is shared.

Matthew 6:11-13

- 1) Share a time God provided for you—could be big or small.
- 2) Jesus instructs us to pray for our daily bread. What does this say about God? What is a “daily bread” need you currently have?
- 3) Jesus also calls us to ask for and to extend forgiveness. To what extent are you following these instructions?
- 4) Jesus teaches us to pray for protection from temptation and from the evil one. How are you currently being tempted? What deliverance are you longing for?
- 5) Spend time as a group praying for another in each of these areas—for daily needs, for forgiveness, for protection.

Matthew 6:14-15

- 1) Share a time you experienced forgiveness. What was the situation? How did you feel afterwards?
- 2) Is God’s forgiveness dependent on ours? What about the other way around? Explain.
- 3) Jesus calls us to forgive others as God has forgiven us. How are you doing in this area? If you’re struggling to forgive, how might your group pray for you?
- 4) Spend some time praying for one another and for our church—that we might embrace God’s forgiveness and display His forgiveness to one another and to our world that desperately needs it.

Matthew 6:19-24

- 1) What is an earthly possession you treasure? Why is it valuable to you?
- 2) Jesus says that what we should store up treasure in heaven rather than on the earth. What does it mean to store up? How and why should we do this?
- 3) Consider your current treasures—are they more earthly or heavenly? How do they reflect your heart (and what your eyes are set upon)?
- 4) Jesus warns that what we cannot serve both God and money. How have you seen this played out in your life? in our society?
- 5) How might you grow in following Jesus’ command to store treasure in heaven? Spend some time praying for one another.

Matthew 6:25-34

- 1) Generally speaking, are you known as a worrier? Explain why or why not.
- 2) What most worries you right now?
- 3) Jesus instructs His people not to worry. What are some reasons He gives? Which one most resonates with you, particularly as it relates to what you shared in question #2?
- 4) When we worry, Jesus points us to our heavenly Father. Spend some time reflecting on His character. What do you most appreciate about Him?
- 5) Instead of worry, Jesus says we are to seek the kingdom of God. How might this help us in battling against worry?
- 6) Spend some time praying for another in our fight against worry.