

Foster City Campus – November 26, 2017



Checking Our Motives - Matthew 6: 1-18

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1. Describe a time in your life when your religious practices seemed to touch your mind but not your heart? What did you do to try to fix that?
2. Have engaging in private devotional practices and the Spiritual Disciplines made a difference in your relationship with God? How so?
3. Why is carrying out our Christian devotional practices in secret so important to God?
4. How do we avoid hypocrisy when we practice the act of giving?
5. How would rewards from people look different from rewards from God?
6. Why does God put so much emphasis on secret prayer in a private room in this passage?
7. Why does God want us to share our needs with him in prayer even though he already knows what we need before we ask?
8. What has been your experience with the spiritual discipline of fasting? Do you see fasting as something to emphasize more in your personal devotional practices?
9. Read through the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6: 9-15 slowly one verse at a time. Pause after each verse and have one or two in the group share why that phrase speaks to them specifically at this time in their lives.
10. How can each of us in our community group encourage each other to go deeper in our private Christian devotions? How can we gently hold each other accountable to help us grow deeper in our relationship with Christ?

South Campus – November 26, 2017



The Audience with the Best Reward - Matthew 6: 1-18

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1. A "hypocrite" is described as someone who puts on an act in order to get attention. What is the danger of doing religious acts in this way?
2. According to Jesus, what should be our motivation in religious acts (v.4, 6, 18)? What is your impression when hearing His words?
3. Why do our motives matter?
4. Describe what you do to guard your motives.