



July 19th, 2026
Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What do the scripture passages say? Read Matthew 6:1-18*

1. What repeated contrast do you notice throughout Jesus' teaching on giving, praying, and fasting (Matthew 6:1–18)?
 2. According to Jesus, what is the difference between the hypocrites and those who truly honor God?
 3. What does this passage teach us about the character of God?
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Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? How do the scriptures connect to everyday life?*

4. Jesus asks us to examine our motives. Where are you most tempted to seek the approval of people instead of the approval of your Father? At work? At church? On social media? In your family?
 5. Think about one act of obedience this week (serving, giving, praying, encouraging someone, etc.). How could you intentionally do it in a way that points attention to God rather than yourself?
 6. Why do you think the approval of people can feel so rewarding? How does remembering that you are already fully loved and accepted by your Father in Christ change your motivation for serving Him?
 7. Jesus says, "Let your light shine before others," yet also warns us not to practice our righteousness "to be seen by them." How can we faithfully live in that tension? What would it look like for your life to be visible enough that people see Christ, while remaining humble enough that they don't stop at you?
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Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****
