

The Sermon on the Mount, Part 1 (10 of 10) Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, November 9th, 2025



Sermon Series Summary

Matthew 5-7 is known as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus went up a mountain and a large crowd gathered to hear him preach a powerful message—proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom and casting a vision of what it looks like to live in right relationship with God, our neighbors, and our enemies. These three chapters contain the core of Jesus’ teachings and his most well-known sayings, including some of the most rigorous ethical demands in the Bible. Join us for Part 1 of this series (Sept 7-Nov 9), as we explore the message and implications of Jesus’ invitation to enter the narrow gate and follow him.

Sermon Title: Generosity and the True Reward

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-4; 1 Corinthians 13:3; 2 Corinthians 9:7

Sermon Focus: In Matthew 6:1-18, Jesus wants us to consider what it looks like to live out a greater righteousness through three religious practices: giving, prayer, and fasting. And he begins by saying, *“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”* In the final message of our series—The Sermon on the Mount, Part 1—Pastor David invites us into a “holy unawareness” and to be generous in the way of Jesus.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Begin by reading Matthew 6:1-4, first to yourself and then have someone read it aloud. Pastor David pointed out that Jesus isn't opposed to public displays of generosity and service (e.g., Matt. 5:13-16), but the Lord said we must be careful that the motives of our heart are good when we practice our righteousness. How have you experienced what Jesus is talking about in your own life?
2. According to Dictionary.com, "virtue signaling" (noun) is *the sharing of one's point of view on a social or political issue, often on social media, in order to garner praise or acknowledgment of one's righteousness from others who share that point of view, or to passively rebuke those who do not*. Be honest. Have you ever done this before? How have you seen others do this? And why is this practice not helpful? Why does it do more harm than good?
3. What does it look like to give and serve with a "holy unawareness" and, as Jesus said, "not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matt. 6:3)?
4. Discuss this summary and takeaways from the message. How did Jesus model each of these for us in his life and ministry? Give examples for each one.
 1. **Giving is not optional for Kingdom people, but God wants our giving to flow from knowing him—motivated by love.**
Jesus calls us to be generous because God is generous.
 2. **Giving to be seen or just to feel good is a form of idolatry.**
Jesus calls us to give for God's glory and to be a blessing to others.
 3. **The Father sees the heart and only his reward matters.**
Jesus calls us to hidden faithfulness for an audience of One.
5. At the end of his message, Pastor David shared a story of a farmer who secretly gave money to those in need at the end of each year. Are there other stories of generosity (seen or unseen) that have inspired you to be generous yourself? How have those examples of generosity impacted your walk with Jesus?
6. LIFE ON MISSION QUESTION: How is the Spirit inviting you to do an act of mercy, generosity, or kindness with no one else knowing that you've done it? Do not respond to this question aloud in your group. Instead, take a minute for silent reflection and prayer to hear from the Lord in response to this question. And then your small group leader can close your time together in prayer.