



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 6:1-4 ” on June 6th

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 5:43-48 affect your week?

DISCOVER - MATTHEW 5:43–48

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

6:1-4 “Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Jesus calls us to do things so we can point people to the One who gives us power to do them. Therefore...

- Why do we care so much about doing things for others to get something in return, or so we will be recognized/given credit for doing them?
- Can you describe situations you have caught yourself doing this or have recognized it in others?
- Looking at it from the perspective of Jesus’ teaching in this passage, how do you feel about that? How could you pray about that?

Examine the attitude of your heart in regard to generosity in giving – money or time – in God’s Kingdom.

- Describe times you might have given grudgingly/dutifully or when you didn’t give at all because you only agreed with portions of the cause, not all of it.
- Look at such occasions against Jason’s description of us today – We continue to do crazy, selfish things, yet God went to the cross and covered it ALL, and then forgives us and continues to give us generous gifts, even as we keep putting nails in His hands! How do you respond to that?

Jason said in his sermon, “Transparency conquers hypocrisy,” and gave examples of how younger couples can learn from older couples’ struggles in marriage and in life when they are openly shared.

- Are there experiences in your life that could be helpful to someone, but you are reluctant to share because you might think it makes you look weak or ‘tarnishes your image’?
- Describe what Jason’s quote on transparency means to you in light of that.

Right now, are you loving people different from you from behind closed doors or are you loving them relationally?

- What steps could you take to boldly step forward in establishing relationships with them?
- How could you connect in ways that you will spend time living, learning, and growing together?
- How will you ask God to equip you with generous love?

In what ways are you celebrating God’s generosity in your life – acknowledging and praising Him for all the good gifts He’s given you?

- With whom could you share those joys as an encouragement or as an example of the greatness of God?
- In what ways could you put that generosity into action in loving this community?

RESPOND

Jason said, “It’s not OK NOT to love! Right now, in this moment, it’s our moment to love!” What will you do with that statement this week?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch



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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

Acts 5:1-11 where we see the motives of Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:32-37 where we see the motives of Barnabas. 2 Corinthians 8-9 where Paul talks about generosity.