

**God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think
The Followers Focus**

Matthew 6:16-18

What? Miss out on food?

Background to this discipline

Leviticus 16:29-34; 23:26-32

Some biblical heavy hitters

Exodus 34:27-28; 1 Kings 19:7-9; Matthew 4:1-4

In the time of Jesus

Matthew 9:14-15; Luke 18:9-14

The main point: The focus of my life

"Living for the audience of one."

Zechariah 7:5; Matthew 6:4, 6, 18

We are free from appearance and human approval

We are free to please and enjoy our God

The purpose: Sharpening my focus

- **Intimacy** Luke 2:36-38; Luke 5:16; Mark 2:18-20
- **Introspection** Lamentations 3:40-41; Joel 2:12-13
- **Empathy** Isaiah 58:1-12
- **Dependence** Matthew 4:1-4; John 4:34; 6:35

Next week scriptures: Matthew 6:19-24

Matthew 6:9-13

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our
debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Seaside Finances

Weekly Goal	\$22,195	Monthly Goal	\$95,500
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Growth Group Discussion
For the week of April 11, 2021

Connect

Describe your interest in food (passion, indifference, etc.).

Reflect

Read Matthew 6:16-18.

Share an insight from Sunday's message or Scriptures.

Explore

1. How has your study of the Sermon on the Mount so far this year inspired you to change?
2. Discuss why learning to control our body through fasting could help us to obey Colossians 3:5-10.

3. Prayer and fasting are linked in the Bible (Luke 2:36-37, Acts 14:23, etc.). What are your thoughts on this connection?

4. Self-denial and self-control are major themes throughout the Bible (for example, Proverbs 25:28 and Matthew 16:24). How does this clash with a life dominated by our feelings?

5. Jesus said that the three spiritual practices we have discussed in the past few weeks (generosity, prayer and fasting) could all lead to a reward from the Father (Matthew 6:3-4, 6 & 17-18). What kinds of reward might we expect?

Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

O Come To The Altar

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

What A Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Holy Water

Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You

Oh I need You
Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You
Oh I need You

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)

Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again

I need You
Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh

Bridge

I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change

Ending

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water