



Cornerstone Men

Cornerstone Men equips men to follow Jesus, connect in community, and grow in their faith.
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Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.
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Sermon Discussion Questions - February 20 & 22, 2026**Matthew: Part 2 - Sermon on the Mount****Matthew 6:1-18**

Ice Breaker: *This week's message touched on our desire for approval. Let's start there.*

- **Q1: Whose approval feels most important to you in this season of life (boss, spouse, parents, friends, church community, etc.)? What makes their opinion carry weight for you?**

Read Matthew 6:1-18 together. Jesus reminds us that it's possible to do good things for the wrong reasons.

- **Q2: In what areas of your spiritual life are you most tempted to be noticed or recognized? (Serving, praying, giving, posting online, being needed, etc.)**
- **Q3: When you reflect on that, do you think your struggle leans more toward pride ("I want to impress") or insecurity ("I want to feel valued")? Why?**

Morgan pointed out that living for applause can quickly turn exhausting.

- **Q4: Have you ever felt spiritually worn out from trying to “be faithful” in a visible way? What contributed to that feeling?**

Jesus invites us to rest in the secure identity we have through the Gospel.

- **Q5: What does it mean to you personally that you are already “fully approved” in Christ?**
- **Q6: Are there areas in your life where you still feel like you have to prove yourself to God or others? What might that reveal?**

Jesus invites us out of performative obedience and into a loving relationship with a Father who already approves of us.

- **Q7: How does seeing God as a loving Father rather than a harsh evaluator change how you reflect on and apply this passage?**
- **Q8: As you reflect on this teaching, where might God be inviting you to repent of performing for others rather than living for Him?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!