

Merciful Anonymity

Matthew 6:1–4

1. The journey toward greatness is one of stepping _____ of the _____ . . . not into it.
2. Greatness in God's eyes is evidenced by your attitude toward _____ persons.
3. To DO mercy is an act of _____ power to serve a less-important person in need . . . for no recognition.
4. Choosing to DO mercy to meet a need is a _____ to God because it reflects His mercy.

Life Group Questions

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Opener: What is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you?

Read Matthew 6:1–4

1. Why do people do good deeds in front of others?
2. What are ways we pursue recognition? What are some examples of things we might do in front of others in order to get recognition?
3. Do you think more good deeds are done in private or in public?
4. How is this teaching countercultural to what the world teaches?
5. Is it possible to hide every good thing you do? What is the key principle to learn from Jesus' teaching on this?
6. How do you reconcile Matthew 5:16 and this teaching to do good in secret?
7. Read Matthew 25:34–40. Jesus provides examples of how to “do mercy” sacrificially. What does this look like for you personally in today's world?
8. In AD 242, the bishop Cyprian rallied Christians during an epidemic and said, “If we're going to do what Jesus did, so that through His poverty we might become rich, I call you to give personal and financial aid, care and comfort to all according to their need, not their faith.” How can this be applied today?
9. Rather than live for recognition and reward now, what are some ways you can “do mercy” for your future reward?
10. Discuss with your group needs in your community and how as a group or individually you can meet those needs.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 6:1 ESV

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”

*A printable version of these questions is available at
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