



get started

How do people celebrate themselves in our culture today? What ways do people draw attention to themselves?

reflect

discuss this statement: Approved by God vs. Applauded by man.

dig

Read Matthew 6:1-4. What is Jesus expecting his followers to do? How is Jesus expecting his followers to do these practices?

What is the motivation of the hypocrites? What is their reward?

What is the reward of the follower of Jesus who gives in secret?

What ways have you drawn attention to yourself in order to get recognized or celebrated?

We are called to be generous in our response to the needy. Who are the needy that you intersect with in the course of your week? What are practical ways of meeting needs?

We do want to be wise as well as generous in our giving. What are wise questions to be asked in responding to a need?

breakout

Read Matthew 6:21. If our hearts treasure the praise of people we will do things for our own interests. If our hearts treasure God we will do things out of a desire to please him. How can you tell what someone treasures? What would people say you treasure?

Do you honor God in the way you give?
