



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Summer on the Mount | Being Seen

Last Week

How did you apply last week's lesson on Oaths and Promises? Who did you share the lesson with?

Opener

Can you describe a recent example of a time you watched someone and thought, "This person is fake." What was it that brought you to this conclusion?

Questions

What are some other spiritual practices (Matthew describes giving to the poor, prayer, and fasting.) that we should do in our lives?

Give some examples of doing the right thing for the wrong reason. What do you think this means, "It isn't about attention, it's about intention?"

Throughout the opening of Matthew, what do you think it means when Jesus says about those who do these things to be seen "have received all the reward they will get"?

Do you think it's difficult to give in secret? What is it about giving in secret that makes it tough for us to do?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Matthew 6:1-6 (NLT)

"Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray