

True Generosity February 2, 2025 | Matthew 6:1-4 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Matthew 6:1-4.

- 1. **Ice-breaker:** Spend some time reviewing what you've learned in the Sermon on the Mount so far. What big take-aways stand out to you?
- 2. What does Jesus warn us about in Matthew 6:1? Why is this dangerous?
- 3. Notice that Jesus says "when you give . . ." in Matthew 6:2. Jesus doesn't say if you give; rather, He assumes His followers are practicing generosity. In your own words, why is generosity important as followers of Jesus?
- 4. What are the biggest obstacles people have toward giving and generosity?
- 5. Read Matthew 6:21 and Matthew 6:24. How do these verses reinforce the importance of generosity?
- 6. How should the gospel shape our approach to generosity? (Want to dig more deeply into this? Check out 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 and 2 Corinthians 9:7 for more on how the gospel shapes giving.)
- 7. What does (and doesn't) Jesus mean by "giving in secret" (Matt 6:3-4)? What other Scripture passages or biblical truths help you answer this question?
- 8. What is the heart issue Jesus is driving us toward here?
- 9. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. How does this passage help us see something of how God "rewards" (Matt 6:4) those who are faithful in their generosity?
- 10. How does what you've learned about Jesus in this passage affect what following Him faithfully looks like, practically speaking?
- 11. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
- 12. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
- 13. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?