



# Kingdom Culture

sermon on the mount series

July 30th

PERSONAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

MATTHEW 6:1-4

## **Giving to the Needy**

1. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus talks about practicing righteousness. How would you define "practicing righteousness" in your own words?
2. According to this passage, why does Jesus warn against practicing acts of righteousness to be seen by others? How does this apply to our lives today?
3. Jesus mentions three specific acts of righteousness: giving to the needy, praying, and fasting. Why do you think these actions are significant in the context of practicing righteousness?
4. Reflecting on your own life, how do you personally approach acts of giving to the needy? Do you struggle with any internal motivations or external pressures? Share your experiences.
5. In verse 3, Jesus emphasizes the importance of anonymity when giving to the needy. Why do you think Jesus values secrecy in acts of righteousness? What would this look like in our own lives?
6. How do you understand Jesus' statement that "your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" (Matthew 6:4)? What does it mean to you personally?
7. Consider the concept of giving without seeking recognition or applause. Why do you think it is challenging for many people to give anonymously? How can we overcome this tendency and cultivate a heart of selfless giving?
8. Reflecting on the passage as a whole, what practical steps can we take to align our motives with God's desire for us to practice righteousness genuinely and without seeking human approval? Share your insights and ideas.