



Sermon on the Mount
ALL FOR HIM

Life Groups Discussion Guide
March 1, 2020

PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS Matthew 6:1–4

CONNECT

1. When people mention “giving,” how do you react? Which emotions does it stir up?

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2. Whenever we give, there is a reward. Read Matthew 6:1–4 aloud. What are the two kinds of rewards? How do these two rewards compare?
3. In private prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your reflection: Why do you give? What motivates you to give to others? As you need, take the opportunity to confess and repent.
4. When you give in secret, Jesus states that the Father will reward you. This is not just an idea, but a promise. How do you react to the thought that God promises to reward you?
5. Our culture praises charitable giving and celebrates those who do. So did the culture in Jesus’ day. Why does Jesus call such a good thing into question? What does Jesus care about more than the money we give? (See Psalm 51:16–17).
6. In Matthew 6:1–4, look at the two kinds of givers. In each case, who is glorified by the giving? Think back to your religious and charitable activities in the past week. Who was glorified by each?
7. What is Jesus saying about secrecy? Is giving inherently wrong if someone sees you do it? What is the heart of Jesus’ message in these verses?

CONTRIBUTE

8. As a Life Group, take time to explore the ways New Hope Church engages both locally and globally. Discern how you as a group might come alongside those efforts with some meaningful kind of participation. How can you meet these needs “in secret”? Visit newhopechurchmn.org for more information.