

Sermon Scavenger Hunt

Matthew 6:1-18

Think about it...Imagine every time your sibling helped do dishes he drew attention to himself by blowing a trumpet and shouting, “Here ye, here ye! I am going to rinse this plate of all leftover crumbs. I have taken the sponge and scrubbed the gooey gunk off. Now, I am loading this dish into the bottom rack of the dishwasher. I am the most obedient son of our family tribe. Give me a high five.” What sort of impression would your sibling leave?



Sermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!

1. When have you witnessed someone obsessed with gaining the approval of another? Have you ever been tempted to impress others with your relationship with God?
2. True or False. The high standard Jesus calls His followers to in the Sermon on the Mount is possible if we just obey all the rules like the Pharisees.
3. Jesus is not condemning all public acts of worship. Jesus is saying our relationship with him must be based *not* on a desire to impress others but a desire to give God _g_ _ _ _ _y_.
4. True or False. When our goal is the outward behaviors, we miss the point. When our goal is intimacy with God, then the external behavior is really helpful.
5. Read Matthew 6:1-18 (text is on page 2). Are giving, praying, and fasting optional activities for followers of Jesus?
6. Jesus says, “be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to **be seen by them.**” Is Jesus calling us to a covert righteousness operation? Why or why not?

7. What should be our motive for giving, praying, and fasting? What will be the result when our motives are pure? (Hint: see verse 4).
8. Jesus knows the temptation we face to seek after the approval of people with an outward show, so He gives us the most amazing and freeing news. In Christ we are blessed, beloved and completely approved! There is _____ we can do to make God love and accept us more.
9. Read Matthew 6:8, again. God knows what we need even before we pray, but even so Jesus encourages us to pray. If you haven't done so already, try to memorize the Lord's Prayer.
10. According to Matthew 6:14-15, what does God want us to do when people sin against us?
11. Matthew 6:16-18 talks about fasting which is giving up food for a time to pray and read God's Word. When we fast we remember how much we need God and God's Word (our spiritual food). Can you think of another way a kid could fast and pray besides giving up food?
12. We may be able to fool others, but we can't fool God because he sees our motives. God looks at the heart! The next time you do something good, ask God to help you do it for his glory instead of your own!

Memory Verse Challenge: Matthew 5:3-10

Use hand motions to aid memory of The Beatitudes. At the end of February, submit your memory verse video to LauriHaugen@elmopres.org for a prize!

The Beatitudes	Handmotions
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Drop head in repentance, then make crown with your hands upon your head
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	Look sad then rock a baby
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	Flex arms, turn flexed arms upside down, now make a round earth with arms
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Feed self, then hold up right hand, next rub tummy
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.	Use right middle finger to touch center of left palm, repeat with left middle finger on right palm... represents Jesus' nails in his hands
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.	Draw a heart on your chest with your fingers and then make glasses with your fingers and hold to your eyes
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.	Make a peace sign and then point to self and then point "up" to God
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Make a jab motion like a pirate fighting with a sword, then hold up your right hand, and finally make a crown with your hands upon your head

Matt. 6:1 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Matt. 6:2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matt. 6:5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray:

“ ‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us today our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. ’

Matt. 6:14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matt. 6:16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.