

## Small Group Questions | October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Kingdom Values: Kingdom Disciplines (Matthew 6:1-18)

**Sermon Recap:** Travis highlighted 'laying the proper foundation' of fundamental spiritual disciplines. In the passage, Jesus highlights prayer, giving, and fasting as core disciplines, but then speaks to four values that we should focus on: *consistency (being consistent in our devotion)*, *secrecy (letting our devotion be for God alone)*, *community (letting our devotion lead us to others)*, and *certainty (knowing our Father sees our devotion)*. Travis emphasized, if we can't do the fundamentals, nothing else matters.

**Hook:** *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. How is our culture similar/different to Jesus' day in regards to spiritual practices and righteousness?

**Look:** *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

2. Read Mat 5:20. How do we see righteousness? How does God see it?
3. Read Matthew 23:1-39. How do the four applications (consistency, secrecy, community, and certainty) Travis highlighted guard against hypocrisy?
4. Travis said "we give not because God needs, but because we need to let go." How does this idea play into all spiritual disciplines?

**Took:** *Applying the message to our lives.*

5. Jesus was speaking to people who took control of their righteousness. Why do you fear giving up control?
6. Where do you struggle to be consistent in your devotion?
7. How is our Father calling us to secrecy, different from the world's hypocrisy? Where do you struggle to get off the stage?
8. Where does our prayer intersect with the righteousness of Christ? What place does prayer have in the order of your spiritual life?

**Prayer/Verse:** For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. – Matthew 6:14-15