

Matthew 6 Discussion Questions

Check In: Did your student complete their challenge? Encourage them to do better this week. Begin in prayer and pray for them individual and specifically.

Bible Discovery | Key Thought: Fix Your Focus | Read Matthew 6:1-34

Use some, if not all, of the questions to facilitate a conversation about the scripture with your student

- 1) What initially sticks out from the passage of scripture you read? Do you notice any themes?
- 2) What is this passage teaching us about God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?
 - a. What does Jesus say about doing charitable deeds, praying, giving, and fasting? What does he say God celebrates? What does Jesus say God does not celebrate?
 - b. Why does Jesus say those who try to do things to be seen by others have their reward?
 - c. What does Jesus have to say about worry? What encouragement does he give?
- 3) What does this passage teach us about mankind and his relationship with God?
 - a. Why do you think people tend to do spiritual things so people can see them as opposed to solely doing spiritual things for God?
 - b. Based on v.1-18, what does an authentic relationship with God look like? What does authentic prayer look like? Authentic fasting? Giving?
 - c. What does it look like to “lay up treasures on Earth?” In heaven?
- 4) What is this passage challenging me to change in my life?
 - a. In verse 24, Jesus says you cannot serve two masters. He says you will serve either God or something else. How are you currently serving God? What areas of your life are you not serving God that you need to change?
 - b. Are you living for something that matters? Not sure? What do you spend most of your time, money, and conversations on? How can you be more intentional in your time? With your money? In your conversations?
 - c. In the message, we mentioned that our works for God should be out of inspiration, not obligation. In v.1-18, Jesus talks about the motives behind our spiritual actions. Why do you attend church? Youth? Camp? How can you pray to God and ask Him to change your motives for spiritual
 - d. Jesus calls us to change our perspective and seek him first and then He will take care of the rest. How can we seek Jesus first every day? How can you change your life to seek Jesus first?

Challenge: Encourage your students (**and yourself – Lead by Example!!**) to make a personal challenge that is specific and measurable. End in prayer.

BONUS CHALLENGE: Challenge students to commit **Matthew 6:33** to memory!