

Heart-Driven Devotion:

Giving, Prayer & Fasting

Matthew 6:1-18

PODS Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How would you respond to the objection that Christianity is full of hypocrites?
2. Why do we find it easy to do things to impress others rather than for God? What motivates this desire?
3. What does it mean to practice these three disciplines in secret? What strategies have you used to do so?
4. Is Jesus teaching us to repeat the Lord's Prayer exactly, or to also use it as a pattern? How can we keep prayer genuine and personal?
5. Have you ever fasted? Why do you think fasting is often overlooked or neglected among Christians today?
6. What are some reasons or purposes for fasting? Why might you consider fasting?
7. How does the promise that our reward is either human praise or God's approval affect you? Does that encourage or discourage you?
8. Do you believe you can apply this passage without support from other Christians? Why or why not?
9. How can we help each other recognize wrong motives and encourage seeking our heavenly Father's approval?
10. Reflecting on your acts of righteousness, what steps can you take to resist the temptation to be seen by others?