

## Applying God's Word

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**This Week's Passage:** Matthew 6:1-18

**Corresponding Sermon from King's Church:** "The Dangerous Duty of Devotion"

### Opening Discussion

1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
3. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

### Going Deeper

1. In our passage, Jesus assumes his kingdom disciples will be practicing righteousness in their lives (e.g., giving, praying, & fasting). However, he warns us against the pursuit of that righteousness for motives of self-glory. Discuss together how we are tempted to turn acts of devotion to God into a means of receiving praise from others.
2. Look together at the following passages and discuss how they shed light on the condition of our hearts when we are trying to please man rather than God. **Galatians 1:10, John 12:37-43.**
3. Jesus mentions repeatedly that righteousness practiced to please God rather than others results in a reward from the Father. Discuss how that reward gives us hope and how it motivates us to keep living to please the Father.