

Weekly Discussion Guide – 4-21-2024

“For an Audience of One”
Matthew 6:1-21

1. How do you tend to act differently in public than privately with family or close friends or alone?
2. Read Matthew 6:1-21. What words or phrases stick out to you?
3. Compare Matt. 6:1 in several different translations. (A helpful resource is Biblegateway.com.) What are the different ways they translate “practicing your righteousness” (NIV)? What observations do you make from these differences?
4. Jesus says those who practice their righteousness for others to see have their reward. What is that reward? He also says the Father who sees in secret will reward us. What do you imagine that reward is?
5. In Jesus’ day, a *hypocrite* was a stage actor who had at least two masks to switch between characters. What forms of hypocrisy do you struggle with the most?
6. What change(s) is God inviting you to make to a) nurture your relationship with God and/or b) be more authentic from your public to private to solitary environments?
7. How might “treasures in heaven” be a here-and-now thing rather than an after-death-only thing?