

Giving for the Love of God

Matthew 6:1-4
Small Group Questions

WEEK OF JANUARY 4-10, 2026

- (1) Read Matthew 6:1-18.
 - (a) What is the flow of thought and connection between the parts of this passage?
 - (b) How does chapter 6 relate to what we've seen in the Sermon on the Mount so far?
 - (c) What is the main point of the Sermon on the Mount?
- (2) Why do you think Jesus begins the section on our relationship to God by focusing on giving to the poor? What is the significance of this?
- (3) Throughout these four verses, what are important things we see about the kind of giving that pleases God?
- (4) Why does motive matter? Check out Luke 11:41 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-5 as you discuss this.
- (5) How can we apply what Jesus is saying here while also maintaining what He says in Matthew 5:16?
 - (a) In Acts 24:10-21, does Paul violate what Jesus in verses 3-4? Why or why not?
 - (b) What safeguards can we put in place to obey the spirit of what Jesus is saying here?
- (6) Matthew 6:1-4 isn't about giving to the Church, yet this is a primary way we think about giving.
 - (a) What is the relationship of giving to God in the Church and giving for His sake to the poor?
 - (b) How have you personally navigated that?
- (7) 2 Corinthians 9 is a short chapter that gives some wonderful wisdom to shepherd our giving to the needy. Read through this together.
 - (a) What principles of God-glorifying giving do you see, and how might we apply them practically?
 - (b) Are there any ways that the Lord has been stirring up your heart to grow in giving?