

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –02/16/26

Matthew - Lesson 7
Matthew 6:1-34

1. Read Matthew 6:1-18. What instruction and warning about doing acts of righteousness is found in v. 1?
2. What is a hypocrite? Assuming the scribes and Pharisees were the hypocrites addressed in these verses, what was the main problem with their acts of generosity, prayer and fasting? What kind of religion does our Lord commend in contrast? Why is this not a contradiction to 5:16?
3. What reward did they receive? What reward did they forfeit?
4. Jesus gave particular attention to prayer. Is he forbidding all public prayer? What point is being made vv. 7-8?
5. The Lord's Prayer (vv. 9-13) is both a prayer and a pattern for prayer. List the key elements of this prayer noting what it says about our relationship: a) to God and b) to others?
6. Why do you think our forgiveness of others is so important that it is repeated in vv. 14-15?
7. Read Matthew 6:19-34. Why should we store up treasures in heaven and not treasures on earth? Is wealth in itself evil? What kinds of things can we store up as treasures in heaven?
8. How would you explain vv. 22-23? (How is the eye the lamp of the body? What is a good eye vs. a bad eye? How does this fit in the context of the verses that come before and after?)
9. Why can't one *serve* both God and money? Why are they mutually exclusive?
10. Why are anxiety and worry wrong? What should be our first priority?