

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Show Time **Matthew 6:1-18**

Getting Started

What is one of the most meaningful gifts you've ever received?

Digging In

Giving. Read 6:1-4.

1. What is the basic principle that introduces Jesus' teaching in chapter 6?
2. How are we **not** to give? Why?
3. Give some modern-day examples of giving for show.
4. How **are** we to give? Why?

Praying. Read 6:5-15.

5. How are we **not** to pray? Why?
6. How **are** we to pray? Why?
7. What is the significance of praying to God as "our Father in heaven"?
8. The first 3 requests of the "Disciples Prayer" are all concerned with God – his glory and purposes. Discuss the 3 prayer requests in verses 9-10.
9. The next 3 requests have to do with our needs. How does Jesus instruct us to pray in vv. 11-13?



Fasting. Read 6:16-18.

10. How are we **not** to fast? Why?
11. How **are** we to pray? Why?

What Now?

- What is the most significant thing you've learned from these verses?
- What do you think God is saying to you personally about giving, praying and fasting?