Message Outline
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Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18

WHAT GOD REWARDS

Series: ***Best. Sermon. Ever.***

God doesn't reward Showy Service

It is *announced*

Matthew 6:1-2

It is *spotlighted*

Matthew 6:5

It is *complained about*

Matthew 6: 16

It is *rewarding*

Matthew 6: 2,5,16

God does reward Secret Service

We care for others in a way that *showcases God*

Matthew 6:3-4

We pray to an *audience of One*

Matthew 6:6

We focus on the *privilege*, **not the** *sacrifice*

Matthew 6: 17-18

Why is this worth it?

Because God *sees* **and God** *rewards*

Matthew 6:4,6,18

HomeGroup Questions

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1. Did you ever receive an award as a teenager? What was it for? Was there a trophy, ribbon, certificate, etc. that went with it? If so, do you still have?

2. As we continue studying the Sermon on the Mount, reread Matt 6:1-6 and 6:16-18. Review the outline of the message. What point or points are you still thinking about? Why?

3. Why is it so tempting to be motivated by what others think of us?

4. When does Jesus call this hypocrisy? The word for *hypocrite* in this passage means *play-actor*. In what ways can charity, prayer, and fasting become a show?

5. Read Matthew 5:16 which we covered a couple messages back. How do we discern when it is right to do our "acts of righteousness" before others and when we should do them secretly? How do we balance both of these teachings by Jesus?

6. What spiritual disciplines are valued in your circles? How can they become misused to impress others?

7. How should we as a HomeGroup put Jesus' teaching about prayer into practice when it comes to group prayer?

8. What spiritual benefits come from truly secret service — that absolutely no one but God knows about?

9. With your answer to Question 8 in mind, take some time to share prayer answers and requests and then pray together.