

**The WayPoint: What God Sees in Secret Far Outweighs What Others See.**

**Essential Verse:** *Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Matt. 6:1*

**Opening Prayer:** Use this prayer or open with a prayer of your own.

*Lord, we love You, and we thank You for this group You have brought together. Help each of us to grow in our relationship with You and with one another. We ask You to guide our time together and to help us see our need for Jesus every day. Amen.*

**Get Conversation Started:**

*What stood out to you from your Bible reading and the weekend message this past week?*

*Have you ever had an anonymous act of kindness done for you? What happened?*

**Bible Study Focus:**

*Focus on the following passages from the Reading Plan. Ask for volunteers to read the passages, while the rest of the group follows along. Then, discuss the biblical truths below.*

**Read Matthew 6:1-4; 23:1-7.** *What is the warning and command found in Matt. 6:1-4? In 23:1-7, what do the actions of the scribes and Pharisees reveal about temptations of the human heart?*

**Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 to yourself.** *Write down and share with each other the observations you make about Paul's example to believers. What did he avoid? What was his focus?*

**Read Matthew 6:5-13.** *Looking at each verse of the Lord's prayer, why is each part an essential part of praying to the Lord? What is each part an expression of to the Lord?*

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*In what settings are you the most tempted to be “seen” being righteous or “noticed” for having it all together as a Christian?*

*Without saying the name(s) of people aloud, who will you identify as someone to help, serve, or give to in secret? Make it your aim this week to do this.*

**Your Concerns:**

*What are your biggest concerns for the week ahead?*

**God Moments:**

*Where have you seen God at work in, through, or around you in the previous week?*

**Prayer:**

Lift up the concerns shared, and ask God to guide us to love and serve Him and others, so that He may be praised in all things.