

Sermon Discussion Questions, May 8, 2011
The Sermon on the Mount -Week Eleven
Pursuing Spiritual Disciplines, Dr. Rod MacIrvine
Matthew 6:1-18

THE COMMAND– Pursue daily authenticity before God. Matthew 6:1

- 1. What does mean to be a people pleaser? Why is this a dangerous practice?**
- 2. Think of a time when you lived your Christian life to please others. What was the result and what did you learn from this?**

1st AREA– The discipline of giving. Matthew 6:2-4

- 3. Define the word hypocrite. How do hypocrites affect Christianity? How do you respond to hypocrisy?**
- 4. Give reasons why a hypocrite is motivated to give. How does scripture tell us to give? Are there exceptions to the secrecy principle in scripture? (Ezra and Paul)**

2nd AREA – The discipline of prayer. Matthew 6:5-15

- 5. How should we pray and not pray? What kind of prayers do you like to hear others pray? Take an honest look at your prayer life. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied? Why?**
- 6. What is the structure and purpose of the Lord’s prayer? What is the overall tone of this familiar prayer?**

3rd AREA- The discipline of sacrifice. Matthew 6:16-18

- 7. What is the role of fasting in the believer’s life? How are we not to fast? Have you ever fasted? Describe the experience and result(s)? Would you do it again? Why?**

