SERMON ON THE MOUNT Week 9

Read Matthew 6:1-4; Luke 12:1-3

Note: The Greek word translated "hypocrite" was actually a stage term. It referred to a stage actor who wore a mask to play a role. We can often think of hypocrites as not doing what they say. But, the Biblical warning is against those who play a role publicly, while hiding their true identity.

Retell: Summarize in your own words what Jesus is saying about hypocrisy and giving.

Discuss: In talking about giving, is Jesus commanding secretiveness or sincerity?

What do these 2 passages tell us about God?

What do these 2 passages tell us about ourselves?

What is the danger in giving/serving with wrong motives?

Who might you want to share this story with this week?

Application: Take a quiet moment to pray and listen. What practical step can you take to battle hypocrisy or give authentically? Write it down and share it with the group.

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