Sermon Notes

Outline

These are not _____ into the _____

Jesus is pulling _____ to plant a better _____

Part One

Don't give to be _____ by _____

Don't pray as a _____

    Don't _____ for _____ and don't _____ for _____

Don't fast to _____ _____

Jesus values _____ over _____

Part Two

Ask yourself: what am I _____ on?

Ask yourself: what am I _____ about?

It's not about your _____ but the Father's _____

The sermon mentions that we often "live inside" cultural expectations without noticing them, like fish in water. What are some cultural expectations around success and performance that you've noticed in your own life?

Jesus identifies giving, prayer, and fasting as key activities. Which of these three do you find most challenging to do without "performing," and why?

Jesus talks about anxiety over basic needs like food and clothing. Are there other modern worries that distract us from trusting God?

When you think about your spiritual disciplines, do you see them more as performance or presence?

Jesus connects what we treasure with the condition of our heart (6:19-21). How do you see this connection playing out in your own life? What does it reveal about where your heart is focused?

The passage ends with "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (6:33). What does it practically look like in your daily life to put God's kingdom first while handling work, family, and other responsibilities?

Digging Deeper
Read Psalm 51:10-17

David asks God to "create in me a clean heart." How does this relate to Jesus's teachings about performing righteousness versus having an authentic relationship with God?

Verses 16-17 speak about God not delighting in sacrifice but in a broken and contrite heart. How does this parallel the message in Matthew 6 about authentic spirituality versus performance?

What does it mean to have a "broken and contrite heart" while avoiding the trap of performing brokenness for others to see?

WHATS ONE THING YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY ABOUT BASED ON THE SERMON?

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IN RESPONSE TO HIS WORD, WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP GOD IS CALLING YOU TO?

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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE MOST IMPACTED IF YOU APPLIED THIS MESSAGE?

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