

Week 2: Living in the Light

Read Matthew 6:1-4.

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| Our Intentions | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading verses 1-4 again, what are the human intentions displayed?• In verse 2, the Greek word for honor means to magnify, glorify and celebrate.• What is the significance of using trumpets?• Why do we want others to see the good deeds we are doing? |
| God's Idea | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Jesus's heart for those listening to what he is saying?• Why does God desire secrecy in this way?• Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12. What is the overlap between these verses and this section of Matthew?• What does it mean for us to live a quiet life?• How do we see God's idea for modeled in the life of Jesus? |
| Social Media's Influence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do we see all of this connected to social media usage?• How do we see the world captivated by their own glory?• What do you often post about social media? Or look at on social media?• What would it look like to shine the light of Christ on social media profiles? |
| Kingdom Intersection | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read John 8:12. Jesus is the only one worth of glory. We are called to carry his light and live out His love.• Read Matthew 5:16. What is the contrast between light and trumpets?• Read Psalm 16:2. What does this verse mean?• How do we remind ourselves that God is the only one worth of glory?• Read Jeremiah 9:23-24. How should these verses inform the way that we live? |
| Implications for Us | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can we be people that carry the light of Christ?• How can we use social media to carry this light?• In terms of social media, what sorts of posts are trumpet posts? How do these types of posts affect others? Do your posts bring light or do they bring trumpets?• As it says in Jeremiah 9:23-24, how can we boast in our understanding of knowing God? How do we pursue this understanding of God each day? |

Heart of the Matter: *God wants us to practice righteousness, but not in front of others. His desire is for us to live a life of servanthood and quiet humility. Let Jesus be the sustaining source of your light. His light in you is what brings the Kingdom of God.*