

“Faith When No One’s Watching”

Scripture: Matthew 6:16–18

Read

Have one student read Matthew 6:16–18 out loud.

Icebreaker (1–2 minutes)

What’s something people often do just to look good or impress others (at school, online, or even at church)?

Discussion Questions

1. In this passage, who is Jesus warning people *not* to impress?
2. Why do you think it’s tempting to want others to notice our faith?
3. Jesus says God sees what is done in secret. How does that change the way we think about faith?
4. What are some “behind-the-scenes” ways someone your age can follow Jesus?
5. How can social media make it harder (or easier) to be genuine about faith?

Application

Jesus isn’t saying public faith is bad—He’s saying **motives matter**. God cares more about why we do things than how they look to others.

Challenge:

This week, choose one private way to grow closer to God—something you don’t post about or tell others unless it comes up naturally.

Closing Prayer

Ask God to help the group care more about pleasing Him than impressing people, and to live out their faith honestly every day.