



deovox group study guide

An Audience of One: Matthew 6.1-8

1. Have you ever received an award? It feels good, doesn't it? But have you ever asked yourself why? Tell the group of one award you have won, and how it felt when you won it. Discuss why we enjoy public appreciation.

2. Our society tends to emphasize the individual over the group. What effect does this have on the following categories: a. family life. b. church life c. relationships, such as marriage.

3. The Pharisees are doing them because they think of God as a patron. Do you ever think of God as a being who can "do things for you." If you do, is it possible to over-emphasize this aspect of your faith? Discuss. **OR** The episode talks a lot about hypocrisy. How is hypocrisy exhibited today?

4. The Pharisees liked to be seen praying. What religious activities do you like to be seen doing? Discuss the temptation to "be seen" doing good works. **OR** Why does Jesus call upon his followers to pray and give in secret?

5. An Audience of One. What does it mean to live for an audience of one? Discuss the kinds of action you can take to demonstrate this week that you're living simply for God?