



WEEK THREE | DON'T MAKE A SHOW OF YOUR FAITH

Nobody likes a showboat. We get snarky and judgmental about people who go out of their way to be noticed. Jesus made it clear that there are serious spiritual repercussions when we take the light off him and onto ourselves. If we fool around enough, we might start to believe that we are what it's all about instead of God. That would be unfortunate because people need to understand that only one died on the cross and rose again to save the world.

What's a moment you were proud of doing something meaningful—but didn't tell anyone?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

What does Jesus mean when He says not to practice righteousness "to be seen by others"?

Why is motive so important in how we give, pray, or help someone in need?

Jesus criticizes the "hypocrites" for performing their faith. What are modern versions of this?

Jesus doesn't say to never share good things. So, what's the difference between celebration and self-promotion?

How do you judge authenticity versus performance?

Can you think of a time when sharing a good deed actually inspired others?

What made it feel authentic instead of performative?

APPLY IT

Sometimes it's tricky discerning what's authentic and what's performative. We place ourselves in the role of a judge. We need wisdom and humility to help us know the difference.

What are some good reasons to be seen while doing good?

What are some things that are meant just for you and God?

Who in your life will hold you accountable and be honest with you?

PRAY

Make this time an indispensable part of your group. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.