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1. Read Matthew 6:1-18. What are the conditions for receiving our heavenly reward?
2. Discuss why we may struggle with the concept of being rewarded by the LORD for righteous living. And discuss why Jesus took the time to teach us about this.
3. Jesus focuses on three areas of Christian living that can be particularly susceptible to the temptation of seeking human recognition and praise (giving, prayer and fasting). What other areas in the Christian life could we easily fall into the temptation of impressing others?
4. Jesus gives practical steps to change our behaviour to help us ensure we are motivated by our love for God and not for our own self-gratification. Review what actions we can take to help ensure proper motivation in the areas of giving, prayer and fasting, according to Matthew 6. Now select two or three of the additional areas you identified in Q3 and come up with practical steps we can take to gauge our motivation.
5. Read Matthew 6:9-13. The Lord's Prayer is the model Jesus gives for how we pray to God. What can we learn from this model and how can this apply to how we approach other righteous acts of our Christian living?
6. (For personal reflection and prayer) What is driving your motivation to live out your faith with acts of service and obedience to God?