



THE JESUS LIFE

04/10/2022 "The Secret Life"

1. Read Matthew 6:1-21. What stands out to you most from Jesus' teaching? Why?
2. What do you learn about God, also identified as "Father", from these verses?
3. What three practices does Jesus address in this passage? Why do you think he highlights these?
4. How does Jesus refer to those who do these practices so that others can see them? Does he use this term in a similar way as it is used today?
5. What comes to mind when you think of using spiritual practices in public? Are you comfortable, confident, cautious, quiet? Why?
6. When you think of private spirituality, what tend to be your biggest challenges? What keeps them from becoming regular practices?
7. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light shine before others". Which one is it, should we do things in secret or before others? How do you know which one is appropriate?
8. How does the "secret" or "private" nature of these spiritual practices help reveal your motives?
9. What question did Pastor Derek ask that could help you discern your motives?
10. Is there one of these practices that you tend to ignore or neglect? Why?
11. What significance does this message have for you? Why?
12. What "reward" or benefit do you feel practicing these privately might have for your life and faith?
13. How are you going to apply the message of this weeks' text?