

## Matthew 6 Study Guide

In chapter 6 Jesus contrasts the behavior of hypocrites (those who are only playing like they are religious) with what true religion should look like.

**READ.** In the first section (verses 1-4) what is the topic? \_\_\_\_\_

What behavior is to be avoided? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the behavior that Jesus recommends? \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLY.** There are a lot of people in need in our world. There are people living on the streets. There are disasters around the world. There are continuing needs in many countries, including our own. How could you respond to some of the needs right around you?

**RESEARCH.** Use the Internet to find three Christian organizations that focus on people in need. List them and one of the current projects they are involved with.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these seems most interesting to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are involved in a church, what is one project your church is involved in? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think churches should be involved in helping people in need? Why or why not?

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**READ.** In verses 5-18, Jesus talks about two other “religious activities.” What are they?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the behaviors to avoid in each of these “religious activities?”

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**WRITE.** In the final section of chapter 6, verses 19-34, Jesus turns from religious activities to the mistakes we make in our ordinary everyday life if we want to be truly in tune with God. Summarize the point Jesus makes including the reasons he gives for living the life of the upside down kingdom.

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