



Grow Group Leader Notes

Week 7 | October 12-15

Unseen
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THE BIG IDEA

When we cultivate the unseen, it overflows into the seen.

MEMORY VERSE

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:18

NEXT WEEK'S TEXT

Matthew 6:7-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Invite your Grow Group to bless the families we are serving through the Christmas Store by purchasing gifts for the 400 parents and caregivers who will attend. You can visit our Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code on the Christmas Store handout in your Grow Group room or scanning the QR code to the right.
- Remind your Grow Group Women's Bible Study will **not** be meeting Columbus Day (10/13) but Men's Bible Study will still meet Wednesday at 6pm.



DISCUSS

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

Listening to Jesus

As you reflect on our worship gathering this week, what is the primary message of truth you sensed God speaking to you?

Giving (*scripture reference at right in green*)

Read 2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)

- When was a time you glorified God because someone was generous to you?
- What about the gospel are we obeying when we practice generosity?
- How have you personally grown closer to God through giving?
- Consider how God may be inviting you to take a step of faith in the unseen when it comes to your ministry of giving. One question you may consider is: what are you holding onto that God is inviting you to give away (not just finances)?

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:13 NLT

Praying

- What does it mean to you to pray without ceasing?
- Consider what unseen areas of your life you could transform into unseen times of prayer this week. One question you may consider is: when is a time I am often on my own, but not necessarily mindful of God's presence?

Fasting

- Of the 3 examples of fasting Meghan mentioned in her sermon (food, social media, and brushing teeth), which most resonated with you and why?
- What do you think Meghan meant when she said, “when we fast, we feast with Jesus”?
- What has been your personal experience with fasting?
- Consider what God may be inviting you to fast from this week.

Listening Guide *(scripture references at right in blue)*

Read 1 John 4:19-20

- In Thursday’s Listening Guide, we acknowledged the convicting nature of verse 20. How does this week’s sermon about cultivating the unseen through giving, praying, and fasting enhance your understanding of this passage?

*¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, **whom they have not seen.***

1 John 4:19-20

PRAY

Meghan shared, “true life is about what we do not yet see.”

Before we close in prayer together, take a moment to consider that statement and use this week’s memory verse from 2 Corinthians 4:18 to guide your personal prayer time as we seek to cultivate the unseen parts of our lives with Jesus, that they may overflow into the seen parts of our lives for others to know Jesus.

After a few moments of silence, the Grow Group Leader can invite someone to close us in prayer.

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2 Corinthians 4:18