

People Pleasing or Serving God

Matthew 14:1-12

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. In what situations do you find yourself more prone to letting people-pleasing guide your decisions, thoughts, motivations, and relationships?
2. How do you find yourself being obedient or submitting to things or people other than God? What role does obedience and submission have in keeping you safe from people-pleasing?
3. **Read Colossians 3:23-24.** Where do you need to work unto the Lord rather than working for man?
4. What does it mean to you that God can see your efforts, or lack thereof, when people are unable to see those same things?
5. In what ways do you see the effects of people pleasing in your life?
 - a. Have you felt powerless in decision making?
 - b. Have you done things publicly that need to be done privately?
 - c. Have you participated in create strange dynamics in your family?
 - d. Have you felt caught between trying to please two different groups of people?
6. What does your decision-making process usually look like? How do you discern your own motivations in decision making? What sorts of questions can you ask yourself to evaluate the pureness of your motivation?
7. How can you learn to recognize people-pleasing in yourself and guard against it?