



## Elusive Week 1

**RECAP:** Look around and everyone is achieving fame. The pressure to perform and get noticed is real! Fame isn't bad in and of itself. What we do with fame, or more specifically the *desire* for fame is what is important. Fame pushes us to focus only on the external. Jesus' words, however, point us to the more important part of who we are: our hearts.

### SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 6:1-34

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. ICE BREAKER: What has been your most "famous" moment in your life...so far?
2. What stood out to you from Sunday?
3. In Matthew 6 (6:22-23), Jesus shows us the difference between the external and internal parts of our lives. We focus on how others see us, but Jesus says who you are becoming on the inside is what really determines our lives. What impacts you from this wisdom from Jesus?
4. Read Matthew 6:6-8, 26-27, 31-32 (below). What do you see about God's heart towards you?
5. What negative external pressure do you feel in your life right now? How can you take Jesus' words this week and apply them to this circumstance?

### NEXT STEPS

- Identify the external pressures you feel from others. How do you respond? What makes you anxious? Journal or keep notes on this.
- How can you change your response? What does it mean to trust Christ and not worry about this?

**Matthew 6:6-8:** *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

**26-27:** *Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

**31-32:** *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*