



***You Are Cordially Invited***

- Who:** All Ladies of New Life in Christ Church  
**What:** Women's Brunch  
**When:** Saturday May 11th ❖ 9:00 am -10:30 am  
**Where:** New Life in Christ Church - Fireside Room

Ladies come hungry and prepare to be pampered by the men of our church as they loving create a breakfast fit for a queen!

If you have any questions contact Krystal Dowell at  
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**Please RSVP to the church office**



## **Christ Covenant School Open Registration And Information Night**

Christ Covenant School (CCS) registration is now open to new and returning families at:  
[www.covenant.school/registration](http://www.covenant.school/registration)

CCS began in 2004 to help raise a generation of young people who know and fear the Lord, are salt and light in our culture and manifest Christ in every area of their lives. We exist to help families educate their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord as a primary concern.

If you would like to know more information about the ministry of CCS, please join us for an information night.

**When: May 1, 2024, 7:15-8:30 pm**  
**Where: Room 100**

**Please RSVP with Joy Plaia at  
[joy.plaia@covenant.school](mailto:joy.plaia@covenant.school)**

## **For Reflection and Discussion**

*Week of April 28, 2024*

**"True Faith vs. Hypocrisy"**

**Matthew 6:1-4**

**\*\*Read Matthew 6:1-4. You may want to consider the larger section, which is 6:1-18, if you would like more context.\*\***

- 1. In Matthew 6:1-18, Jesus addresses hypocrisy three times. Which passages specifically mention this, and what aspect of hypocrisy is being discussed in each?**
- 2. Hypocrisy in this passage is described as performing acts of righteousness for public acclaim. How would you define it personally?**
  - If someone believed they could not be a Christian because they perceive Christians as hypocrites, how would you respond?**
- 3. Discuss the dangers associated with the kind of hypocrisy outlined by Jesus in these verses.**
- 4. The behavior Jesus highlights in verses 2-4 can be prevalent. Why might Christians find this practice particularly tempting?**
- 5. If seeking applause is not an appropriate motive for giving, what motives align with a Christ-centered approach to generosity?**
- 6. Consider the source of generosity and how Jesus' sacrifice inspires us to give (see 2 Corinthians 8:9, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, and 1 John 3:16-18). How are these passages interconnected?**
- 7. John 4:24 articulates God's desire for worshipers who worship in spirit and truth. How does seeking secular accolades undermine this type of worship?**
- 8. Reflect on Jesus' teaching about heavenly rewards in verses 1, 4, 5, 6, 16, and 18.**
  - These verses imply that our pursuit should be for rewards from God rather than worldly ones gained through manipulating others in spiritual matters. Share your thoughts on the notion of seeking rewards.**

- Hebrews 11:6 offers insight into rewards from God. Discuss the prerequisites for enjoying these rewards.

- Can you envisage scenarios where individuals may seek divine rewards improperly? What actions do you believe God rewards, and which would He not?

- Contemplate what the 'reward of God' could mean. Does the parable in Matthew 25:21 offer guidance on this concept?

9. Justification through faith alone contrasts with the actions of the hypocrite in verse 2, who attempts to gain justification through works.

- How might a lack of understanding regarding divine justification lead one to adopt a hypocritical facade of spirituality?

- We gain justification solely through faith in Jesus Christ. By this faith, God pardons our sins, sees us as faultless, and welcomes us into His family, justified by His love.

- How does God's love propel us toward acts of generosity (refer to 1 John 4:7)? In what ways can we cultivate and grow in this love?

10. As you reflect on this passage, consider practical ways to integrate its teachings into your life over the coming week.