

## WEEK 3 — I CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE

- **Who are the people in your life you often feel pressured to please?**
- **What do you feel is the source of your pressure?**

*Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)**

- **What motives do you have for trying to please people?**
- **What do you fear would happen if you failed to please them?**

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**Matthew 6:33 (NLT)**

- **What needs you are expecting others to meet that can only be met by God?**
- **What choices or changes do you need to make in order to have those needs met only by God?**

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**Matthew 6:33 (NLT)**

**Final Thought:** God, help us to believe you will give us all we need from day to day. Help us choose to live only for you and make your Kingdom our primary concern.

## For Further Study

To use this resource, simply select one or two questions from each category below that you think will help your group discussion. Alternatively, you can use these questions and Scriptures in your own personal devotions during the week.

### Open

- What would your friends say is your biggest fault?

### Explore

#### Read Matthew 7:1-5

- What happens to those who are judgmental or critical? (7:1)
- In what way will we be judged? (7:2)
- What kind of faults do we notice in others? (7:3)
- When is it good to confront others with their faults? (7:5)
- Why is it necessary to deal with one's own sins first? (7:5)

### Reflect

- When, if ever, should we criticize or judge someone else?
- What happened the last time you criticized someone else or judged another's actions?
- What are some of the things that cause us to become critical, judgmental people?
- How can we become more merciful and nonjudgmental?

### Apply

- How will focusing on your relationship with Christ make you less likely to criticize others?