



*- Public Displays of Affection -*

**Ice-Breaker:**

**What do you think bugs you the most about public displays of affection? Describe a moment when someone else's PDA made you feel a little uncomfortable. Did you do anything about it?**

**Discussion Questions:**

**Read Matthew 6:1-6**

1. If you can describe a moment when the applause of people made you feel like you were on top of the world (i.e., that high school play, championship medal, or big wedding day), can you see why God is asking you to seek his applause versus the applause of people? How do you do that?
2. How often do you find yourself rehearsing a prayer before you pray it? How do we stay focused in prayer before the Lord when we pray in public?

**Read Matthew 6:16**

3. What does fasting mean to you? Why don't we practice this spiritual discipline more often?
4. We all like to fit in. Describe a moment when you became an actor to be noticed by others. Did it feel hypocritical?

**Read Matthew 5:16, 6:6, and 6:17-18**

5. Take time to reconcile Matthew 5:16 with Matthew 6:6, 17-18. Could you describe any tension you find in that contrast?

**Application:**

- **What acts of righteousness are you guilty of making look like PDA?**
- **How can you start redirecting God's glory back onto Him, rather than you receiving the praise? What are subtle ways to align your heart with Him when you serve?**