

A Matter of the Heart

The heart of the matter is understanding that our words and behavior are matters of the heart.

Sermon Questions

1. Jesus exposes our sin because he wants us to find forgiveness and healing in him (Yes/No).
2. The true _____ of a person or true is revealed by its fruit.
3. The heart is the _____ of the entire person, emotions, mind.
4. Our salvation depends on our forgiveness and how we treat others. (Yes/No)
5. List the three steps mentioned when we see a lack of fruit in our lives.
 - i. Recognize that the problem is not _____ (on the surface).
 - ii. Recognize that _____ changes the heart.
 - iii. Recognize _____ God changes the heart.
6. Jesus' teach on the heart helps us in the following areas: (circle all that apply)
parenting counseling evaluating teachers sanctification farming
7. List the four practical ways in which we can "take the log out of our eye" and change by dealing with the matters of the heart:
 - i. Practice _____.
 - ii. Distinguish between _____, behavior, and the _____.
 - iii. Identify the _____ you are believing.
 - iv. Identify the _____ that sets you free.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Read John 15:1–11. What themes are parallel to Jesus words in Luke 6:43–45? How would you reword this passage without using metaphors but in language of the heart?

2. Consider a sinful behavior you regularly commit. What are the typical circumstances of this sin? What is the typical behavior? What does this teach you about the lies you are believing? What truth do you need? (You may need the help of a mature believing if you get stuck.)

3. God's sovereignty is one of the most soul-sanctifying attributes of God. Can you define and defend this characteristic of God from Scripture?

4. Consider these other references and jot down what they teach about the heart: Mark 4:1–20; Isaiah 5:1–7; Jeremiah 17:9–10; Mark 7:21–22; James 3:10–12.