

9. What is humility? How does humiliation differ from humility?

10. How do you deceive yourself today?

11. Have you ever asked God to search you with His searchlight? When? What was discovered?

12. God wants a broken spirit and a contrite heart. We can never please God by our actions if our attitudes are not right. How often do you say you are sorry and do not change?

13. No matter your past, God offers you a fresh start. You can have your sins washed away and receive a new heart for following God and God's Spirit within to guide and transform you. Why do people reject God's offer?

14. What does "pure in heart" mean?

15. Where are you on this continuum that Pastor Don gave? In what direction are you moving?

WHAT JESUS BELIEVES ABOUT THE HUMAN HEART – Mt 15:16-20, LK 6:43-45, LK 7:1-10

GETTING STARTED

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. What is the human heart like?
3. What does the world refer to when it uses the word heart?
4. What does the Bible refer to when it uses the word heart?

STUDY AND APPLY

(Choose some of these questions for discussion)

5. Do you agree or disagree that we act out of our authentic personality (our heart space)? Explain.
6. Most of us have little difficulty following the Ten Commandments of not murdering or lying or stealing or committing adultery. Yet if we ask ourselves about our views of other drivers on the road or our relatives, do we find ourselves just as innocent (see Mt 5:21-22)?
7. Our heart is capable of good and evil. How are you growing the good part?
8. Today we present our request to God in prayers. Does your faith more resemble the elders of the Jews or the gentile centurion? Explain.