

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO?

SERMON GUIDE

WHAT IS THE HEART?

See Below

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Getting to know me: Today we're going to be reading about what God says about our hearts – what is the heart and why does it matter?

Note about the passage: In 1:51, Jesus is referring to a story in Genesis 28:10-22. In the dream, Jacob sees a ladder connecting heaven and earth with angels ascending and descending on it.

Read Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 15:17-19; Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Sam. 1:12; Jeremiah 17:9; Proverbs 20:5

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What is the heart? Why does it matter?
- O** Why do you think understanding the dynamics at work in your heart would be so important for daily living?
- O** On Sunday Pastor Tim Porter gave a list of six attributes of the heart. Are there any that are confusing or raise questions for you?
 - 1) Your heart is the control center of your life.
 - 2) Your heart is what causes behavior.
 - 3) Your heart is a treasure hunter.
 - 4) Your heart is unseen.
 - 5) Your heart is deceptive.
 - 6) Your heart is deeply complicated.
- A** In your day to day life, where have you experienced these dynamics and truths about your heart at work? Give some specific examples from the past week if you can.
- A** If God had written these passages just for you today, which would you need to pay the most attention to this week and why?
- A** A: Do these principles of the heart convict, challenge, comfort or confuse you? Why? Is there any specific step that you know God is asking you to take this week in response?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.