

Renewal

The Heart

WORSHIP

Read Psalm 9:7-10 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

RENEWAL PLAN

During this 8-week series, we are encouraging the whole church to utilize a set of questions and exercises to help us reflect on Identity and then create a personal Rule of Life. Invite your group to download the Renewal Plan guide and find more resources [here](#). There is also a video there explaining what a Rule of Life is and why you should have one.

This week, we will be asking, "How is God calling me to live for Him?" Imagine Jesus was living your life. How might He conduct Himself in your home, your workplace, or your neighborhood? Tell your group about one of those areas.

Would anyone like to share their Identity Statement from last week's exercise?

DISCUSSION

Read the passages below. What does the Bible teach us about the heart?

Luke 6:43-45

Proverbs 3:1-6

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Romans 5:3-5

Read Ezekiel 36:24-28.

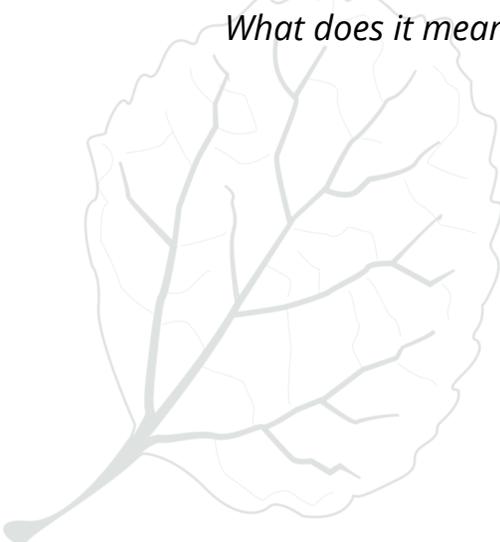
What does God promise His people in this passage?

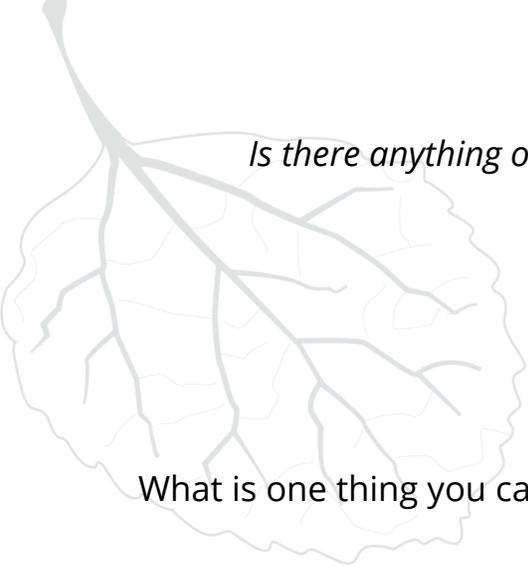
Although God alone judges hearts, what might be outward signs of a “heart of stone”? Of a “heart of flesh”?

What is the current condition of your heart?

Jesus tells us that the most important commandment is, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mk. 12:30).

What does it mean to love God “with all your heart”?





Is there anything or anyone that has been your first love, before God?

What is one thing you can do this week to attune your heart to God?

Consider Pastor Mike's challenge to be more shaped by the Word of God than you are by talk radio, social media, etc. How could this look for you?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

Pray for group, church, and community needs.