

CHRISTIANITY 301: SHARING THE MESSAGE

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

For the week of August 22, 2021

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MESSAGE POINTS:

4 Types of Hearts to Share With:

1. The Hard Heart that Beats for Sin(1-4; 18-19)
2. The Shallow Heart that Beats for Self (5-6; 20-21)
3. The Divided Heart that Beats for this World (7; 22)
4. The Soft Heart that Beats for God (8-9; 23)

How to Cultivate a Soft Heart:

5. Monitor your Heart for Wrongdoing (Jer 17:9 & Mark 7:21-23)
6. Resuscitate your Heart with Grace (Ez 36:26 & Psalm 37:4)
7. Transplant your Heart with Truth (Psalm 119:11)
8. Check your Heart for Blockage (Prov 4:23)
9. Pace Your Heart with God's Heart (Matt 22:37-38)

GOAL:

To grow in our ability to cultivate a soft heart.

GET GOING:

- What has been your big takeaway from this Essentials series so far?
- Why is God so consumed with our heart?
- Look at verses 19. What is the message of the kingdom? What makes it hard to understand?
- Look at verse 20. Who in your life do you think when you read this verse?
- How do you grow roots to deepen your faith?
- Look at verse 22. How have you seen this played out in your life and faith?
- Look at Proverbs 4:23. How is your heart? What is causing a blockage?
- Why is a soft heart so crucial in sharing the message? What happens when the message is shared with a hard heart?
- Who in your life needs to hear the gospel message? What will you do about it?
- What wrongdoing is separating you from God?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.
- What stands out to you upon reading these verses?
- What does it mean to be a 'new creation'? How have you been made new in Christ?
- Look at verse 17. What old has passed away in your life? Name three areas you've experienced life transformation because of the Gospel.
- Look at verse 18. What does he mean by "all this is from God?" Does that phrase give you peace?
- What is the 'ministry of reconciliation' that Paul mentions in verse 18?
- Where do you see mercy and grace represented in these verses?
- Look at verse 20. When was the last time that you shared the Gospel with someone?
- The word 'implore' is a word that demonstrates passion, eagerness and desire. Do you share your faith in that way? Why or why not?

GET GROUNDED:

- What impacted you from the message or study?
- What is preventing you from sharing the message with others?
- What sin is choking your devotion?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 4:23

"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

