

Sermon Title: A Heart for God: Renew my Heart

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 51:10-13



Sermon Discussion Guide (2/15)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Psalm 51:10-13 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What does David's prayer reveal to us about the posture of his heart? What does David specifically ask God for? What does he not ask God for?

What does David commit to in verse 13 after he experiences God's restoration? What does this verse show us about how our heart for God affects how we interact with other people?

Read Ezekiel 36:24-28. Who is the subject recorded as carrying out the actions of these verses? What do these verses reveal to us about how a heart for God happens? For further reflection, also consider that the word used to mean "create" in Psalm 51:10 is also used to refer to God's act of creating the world in Genesis 1.

Read Lamentations 3:21-23. What do these verses show us about the ways we experience God's grace? What do they reveal to us about our need for God?

Application

In these verses, we see David asking God to create in him a new heart. In what ways are you tempted to see spiritual growth as something that you do on your own? How does David's prayer challenge or encourage you in your spiritual growth?

Heart renewal requires surrendering control. What part of your heart and life are you still clinging to? How is God calling you to give that part of your life to Him so that He can renew it?

Heart renewal involves being given a new love and passion for God. How might focusing on surrender and experiencing God's presence, regardless of the outcome or the consequences, lead you to a deeper joy for God?

Pastor Kenny closed his sermon by encouraging us to see renewal as a daily posture of surrender to God. What small prayer or act of surrender is God calling you to so that He can continue to work in your life to give you a heart that desires Him above all else?

Prayer

Gracious God, we come to You asking for what only You can do. Create in us clean hearts. Not improved hearts, not modified behavior, but hearts made new by Your Spirit. Where we cling to control, teach us surrender. Where our hearts have grown hard, soften them again. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Grant us the deep assurance that we are loved, forgiven, and held by You. Renew us not just today but every day. And as You restore us, use us so that others may see Your grace at work in our lives and be drawn to experience Your love for themselves. Amen.