

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Heart to Heart

John 4:7-18 NIV

1. If Pastor Terry had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?
  
2. We heard this week that there are many things that are after our hearts. Have you had any of these kinds of experiences yourself? What occurred and how did you respond?
  
3. In reading John 4:7-18, Jesus is making himself available to a Samaritan woman who has been giving her heart to anyone who is willing to give her attention. We don't know what led this woman to believe that a man's attention was what she needed in order to feel loved. But Jesus broke and removed barriers in order for her to understand how much she was in need of His love, of the water that would make her thirst no more. In our own lives, how are we to handle these types of situations?
  - a. A time where pain or disappointment led to unhealthy behavior.
  - b. An experience or memory that is too painful to think about.
  - c. Reaching out to someone who is allowing their hearts to find love in anything other than Jesus.
  - d. Great disappointment or loss that has led us to make unhealthy decisions.
  
4. **Digging Deeper**: Pastor Terry spoke on God making himself available to us by connecting to our hearts. So now our hearts have become the enemy's main target and the devil's main objective so that he can lead us away from following Jesus.
  - a. Looking back on your own spiritual journey, have there been some specific areas where you have allowed your hurting heart to affect your attitude and behaviors in a negative way? What often allows for you to move towards repentance?
    - b. What specifically has kept your heart from hearing or experiencing God's heart? Are there any adjustments you need to make in either your attitude or your focus? If so, what would it take?

c. Experiencing disappointment and loss can be making our hearts be led to believing lies, move us towards hurting others, and even hurting or causing relationships to end. Is there anything in your life right now that is causing that to happen? What can your homegroup be praying for or helping you with, if they only knew about it?

**Closing in prayer:** Close in prayer this week as a group asking for the Holy Spirit to lead our hearts towards the healing that only Jesus can provide. To lead us towards redemption and healing of our hearts as we become more like Christ.

**LEADERS:** *Please make your home group aware of a NEW video that Pastor Terry posted on Monday, May 10th on the "Priority of Prayer". IF you have some extra time, please discuss Exodus 24:15-18 and how our ability to be in fellowship with the Lord allows for his glory to be seen and noticed in our lives.*