

## *State of Our Hearts*

Warm-Up Question: What is there in your heart that needs to change?  
What attitude or emotion do you have that is not Christ-like?

Play CD—Ask people to listen to the lyrics of the songs and see what God wants to tell them...have them write down their thoughts about the songs.

Read Story 1—Heart Sounds: (This story will be added in a separate PDF file)

Bible Study—

Ask people to share what they felt about the songs we just listened to.

**BE SURE TO LET THE SPIRIT MOVE YOU...DO NOT GO BY THE WRITTEN PLANS!**

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

Tonight's Bible study is going to focus on searching our hearts and asking God to reveal to us anything we need to change.

What do you think this verse means?

Why do we need to search our hearts?

Let's start by looking at how God relates to our hearts.

Read 1 Chronicles 29:17 and Jeremiah 12:3

What does God do in these verses as it relates to our hearts?

Why?

Read Psalms 44:21; Jeremiah 20:12.

Can you hide anything that is in your heart? Good or bad? Why?

Read 1 Chronicles 28:9; Jeremiah 17:10.

What is God doing in our hearts? Why? What is He searching for?

Read 1 Samuel 10:26; Ezra 6:22; Proverbs 21:1; Jeremiah 20:9.

What do these verses tell us about God working in our hearts? Can He change our heart? Are you willing to let Him?

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Read Ezekiel 36:26.

What can God do in our hearts?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:18.

What happens when our hearts are devoted fully to Christ?

**(Emphasize inheritance in Eph. 1:18)**

Read Psalms 27:14.

So even in times of troubles, what will God do in our hearts if we are devote to Him?

**Now let's look at what we are supposed to do as it relates to our hearts.**

Read Proverbs 23:26.

Who are we supposed to give our hearts to?

What will happen if we give Him our heart?

How will that effect our lives?

Read James 4:8.

What are we supposed to do with our hearts?

Read Psalms 51:10.

How do we purify our heart?

Read Deuteronomy 11:13; 1 Kings 2:4; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 22:37; Deuteronomy 30:2.

What do these verses tell us to do with all our heart?

Read 1 Peter 1:22.

How are we supposed to lover our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Read Psalms 119:36; Psalms 86:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:5; Psalms 95:7-8a.

What should we ask God for in our hearts? Why does he want us to ask Him for those things?

Read Matthew 5:8.

What is the reward of having a pure heart? What do you think about that reward? Is it something you want to have?

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What do you think it means by “you will see God”? Yes in heaven, but how will you see Him on this earth?

What other ways will your relationship with Him increase if you ask and allow Him to purify your heart?

Read Last Story—Saving the Broken Pieces. (I’ll add this story in a separate PDF file)

***Be lead by the spirit!***

Ask if that’s what they want. Ask them to think of what they need to do to get the junk out of their hearts. They are free to go or stay and pray with me or a friend.