

#### "Heart of the Matter"

Pastor Miles McPherson / January 13, 2019 Exodus 3:1-10

<u>A Do Something Disciple</u> - A person with a disciplined pursuit of the heart of the Father, a heart being perfected in love for God, people, and self.

H – Holiness E – Evangelism A – Appreciation R – Relationships T – Thoughts

Review together the D12 Descriptors: These are twelve characteristics of a disciple that is pursuing the heart of the Father God:

- 1. Dependent on the power of prayer
- 2. Seeks face-to-face intimacy with God
- 3. Avoids that which is displeasing to God
- 4. Develops Kingdom Mindset
- 5. Makes disciples of others
- 6. Guided by the Word of God
- 7. Grows in generosity
- 8. Burden for the lost
- 9. Committed to a Spirit-filled expression of their gifts
- 10. Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness
- 11. Worships God passionately
- 12. Serves with humility

Sermon Application: God wants you to ASK for His Heart.

We are to apply the following:

- Father, give me a heart that IDENTIFIES itself as a disciple that belongs to You.
- Jesus, create in me a heart that KNOWS Your faithfulness in my life.
- Holy Spirit, develop a heart in me that DESIRES to follow You out of my bondage.

Memory Verse: Gen 1:26-27 (NKJV): "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

#### **Review the Message:**

On Sunday, Pastor Miles discussed how to ASK God for His Heart. To ASK God for His Heart, we need to first assess the condition of our hearts. Our hearts change moment-to-moment. Next, we need to search the Scripture for the conviction of God's heart. God's conviction is consistent. Then, we need to knit our heart with God. This is a deliberate and constant surrender to God.

<u>Read Genesis 3:1-10 together.</u> In these verses we see the call from God to Moses to be a part of God's plan to deliver the people of Israel from Egyptian slavery to the Promised Land. Pastor Miles mentioned that in every Bible story there is God's friend and God's enemy and the purpose of every story is for God to be the Hero of the story. As we continue to read through Exodus we will see that God is the Hero of the story as He delivers the people of Israel from Egyptian slavery.

<u>rGroup Questions</u> - We are all living our stories right now and God wants to be the Hero! In your rGroup discuss the following:

When have you seen God bring you out of a challenging time in your life? Where do you sense that God is leading you in His calling upon your life right now? Which of the D12 characteristics do you need to grow in?

#### **How is Your Heart?**

In your group break up unto smaller groups of three to four people and discuss the following questions: Do you have a heart that identifies itself as a disciple that belongs to God? Do you have a heart that knows God has been faithful in your life? Do you have a heart that desires to follow God out of your bondage?

## How are you pursuing God's HEART?

On a daily basis, ASK God for His heart:

Assess the condition of your heart.
Search Scripture for the conviction of God's heart.
Knit your heart with God.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

Text DISCIPLE to 52525 for information on rGroup / dGroup, Bible reading plan and fasting resources.

# A Do Something Disciple Prayer

As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of The Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

## "Father give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You.
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom Mindset.
- Values making Disciples.

### Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

# Holy Spirit develop a heart in me that:

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Passionately worships God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Serves with Humility.

Father, knit my heart with Yours.

Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations and desires.

In Jesus Name, Amen."