

Sermon Discussion Guide

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He Wants Your Heart
September 1st - Mark 7:1-13

To Start:

- Make sure everyone has become acquainted with each other.
- Ice Breaker: Have you ever been in a play or been part of a theater production?

UP

"Life on Life"

- We cannot hide the state of our hearts from God. In what ways do you act or pretend like God doesn't know what is happening on the inside?
- How does legalism negatively affect our relationship with God?

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IN

"Life in Community"

- In what ways do we at times wrongly emphasize outward appearances in our church and Christian community?
- How do we balance a robust pursuit of holiness and righteousness in our lives as a community while also being full of grace and creating a safe environment where people can be vulnerable?

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"Life on Mission"

- How is legalism and hypocrisy detrimental to mission?
- One way to combat legalism and self-righteousness is to remember what God saved us from. Have a few people share how Jesus saved them out of darkness and sin. Pray that God does a powerful, saving work in the lives of those we know who are far from Jesus.

Act

Challenge:

- Spend some time with God this week by looking at this passage.
- Galatians 5:16-26 - Read the text – reflect on the text – respond in prayer – rest in silence.