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### **Application – Growing my Heart**

Developing a heart for the broken, lost and those different from us is a process of transformation. This transform happens as we seek God, confess our failures and bad attitudes, accept His forgiveness, begin to cultivate our hearts and minds with God's truth, and place ourselves in positions to serve those most broken, lost, and different from us. Serving others develops humility and God's heart in us. It allows us to follow Jesus' example (Matthew 20:28).

Working through this process with others is powerful. Together we can provide accountability and encouragement to each other and celebrate our life and heart change.

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## **life groups' sermon guide**

### **outrage-us**



***Life Groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the Core 4 elements of worship, grow, serve, and share.***

*"We are happy when for everything inside us there is a corresponding something outside us."*

W.B. Yeats

*"In every part and corner of our life, to lose oneself is to be the gainer; to forget oneself is to be happy."*

Robert Louis Stevenson

*"Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live."*

Oscar Wilde

### **Let's Get Started:**

Q :: Compare and contrast the quotes above.

### **Discussion:**

Advertising uses catching slogans and taglines to help us remember a product, service, or store. See if your group can match the tagline to the product, service, or store.

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. What you crave.        | A. Sears        |
| 2. Have it your way.      | B. Sprite       |
| 3. Obey your thirst.      | C. Burger King  |
| 4. Good life. Good price. | D. White Castle |
| 5. Just do it.            | E. Nike         |

Q :: How did you do? What is the common thread among all these slogans?

Culture is not neutral. It impacts our thinking. Its impact can be seen in these slogans. The slogans are all about "me." What I desire and want. This 'me' centered culture, partnered with our own self-centeredness, is a recipe for problems and one in which Satan relishes. If he can keep our attention on ourselves then it isn't on God and others.

Q :: How impacted are you by culture and your own self-centeredness? Where does your self-centeredness raise its ugly head?

### **Looking into the Word – Time to be Honest**

Q :: Check out Mark 12:30-31. What does it say about our response to God and others?

I need to be honest here. I fail miserably as a lover of God and others. Every time I go to Wal-Mart after 10:00 p.m. I am reminded of this ugliness in my heart. I really struggle with the people that seem to frequent the store at this hour and beyond. I am disturbed by a parent with a kid in a

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