

Sermon Based Discussion Questions  
**A Journey Into Our Hearts**

2 Samuel, 13-18

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1. Jeremy mentioned playing “Hide and Seek” with his kids when they were little. Do you remember games you used to play when you were little, or games you used to play with your kids (if you had any) when they were little? What made it so fun?
2. The first question we need to ask ourselves if we want to see if we have a heart after God’s heart was “Do we hide or do we seek?” Is it true that everybody hides (like Adam and Eve in the garden, Genesis 3:10)? What is it that we hide? Why do we hide?
  - What is the difference between being governed by fear vs. by faith; or governed by shamed and guilt vs. grace and mercy? What governs your heart?
  - How can we promote faith, grace, and mercy more and still maintain holiness or righteousness at our church?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-5 (further if you’d like) and discuss what it means to promote others before we promote ourselves—as was the point in the sermon—based on this text.
4. Read Romans 5:8-11 and pick out what we are described as in the eyes of God.
  - Now describe the heart of God for us in that same passage.
  - What is our emotional reaction to this passage?
  - According to 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, what should our response be to what God has done for us?
5. Jeremy said if we are to be passionately pursuing God’s will for our lives today we need to be under the authority of God’s Word, actively involved in the local church, and relying on the Holy Spirit. What do the following verses tell us about how these three things can influence us to live out God’s will for our lives today:
  - The Word: John 5:39-40; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12
  - The Church: Ephesians 4:11-16; 5:6-21; 1 Corinthians 12-13; Hebrews 10:24-25
  - The Spirit: Romans 8:9-17; Galatians 5:16-26
6. Jeremy shared a story of a guy in the desert and the lesson that we have to give our hearts 100% to God (not be half-hearted about it). Give yourself a percentage of how much of your heart God has right now. What holds us back from giving Him 100%?
  - Share tangible examples of how you live throughout every day by faith (Galatians 2:20).