

# TALK IT OVER

## BEHIND THE CURTAIN What Makes Us Tick? – Wk 3



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation in your group.

- What do you think makes YOU tick?

**In your Bible, Read Proverbs 23:7.** *In this passage, we learn that heart determines who we are.*

- The Biblical portrait of the heart as the center of thinking, personal will, and feeling differs drastically from the world's portrait of the heart as merely a center for emotions. How do these conflicting views affect your own thinking? How do you view the heart?
- What's holding you back from taking that step from intellectual knowledge of God and His truth to heart knowledge? How would viewing life through the lens of a heart knowledge of God and His truth affect your relationships with others?

**Read Ecclesiastes 3:11.** *Here, we read the concrete truth that everyone spends eternity somewhere.*

- How can you be personally intentional about guiding others into a growing relationship with Christ? (Put your MISSION to work: List those people you know who don't know Christ, map out a plan to invest in their lives, pray for them and put your plan into action.)

**Reflect on Psalm 24:1.** *We find that we are not owners, but merely managers, while on Earth.*

- What areas of your life would have to change if you acquired a heart-knowledge that everything you thought you owned **truly** belongs to God? How would such knowledge affect how you personally manage your possessions and your finances?

**Review Matthew 25:40-46 and Matthew 7:20-23.** *These verses instruct and demonstrate the proper attitude each of us should have, and show the weighty importance of the difference between intellectual knowledge and heart knowledge.*

- Matthew 7:20-23 is an important passage for Christians to understand. Some traditional churches today teach that you can get "fire insurance" for your soul by simply confessing Christ as Savior. How does this subtle twisting of God's truth affect the spiritual health of those who believe it? How should you approach this problem in your own ministry?

## NEXT STEPS

**In this week's message, Dwight presented three challenges:**

Identify someone you know that doesn't yet know Christ and feel more responsible for them than the church is.

Write a check for God's Kingdom that's bigger than the checks you write for yours.

Step up your efforts in service and ministry more consistently and more openly than you have before.

## Talk It Over with God

- Ask God to reveal to you the truth about what makes you tick and whether you have intellectual knowledge of His truth... or heart knowledge.
- Ask God to show you what's stopping you from having true heart knowledge of Him, and what hinders your relationship with Christ from growing. (The Steps to Freedom in Christ by Neil Anderson is an excellent tool to help accomplish this task.)
- Ask God what you need to change in your life in the areas of Mission, Money, and Ministry.

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