

## The Gathering – Disciples Making Disciples Class

### Sunday, February 12

The importance of the beliefs of the heart and the overflow that comes out of the heart.

- My personal realities (my own truths) gathered by my body, soul, and spirit are stored in my spiritual treasure chest, my heart. (Proverbs 4:23) (Matthew 12:35)
- Jesus said about human hearts, “From my heart come by thoughts, words and actions... Both good and bad can come from my heart” (Luke 6:45, Matthew 15:18-19) (This is the overflow process from the abundance of my heart)
  - The Black Pot story
  - Sometimes the reality we have is good truth learned from childhood (2 Tim 3:14-15) (Deut 6:6-7); These God truths bless us greatly.
  - Every lie or misconception in my heart (anything that is not Gods truth) causes me problems of some kind.
  - The New Covenant provides a way for our hard and rebellious hearts to be replaced by a soft and responsive heart to God. (Ezekiel 36:26)
  - The Holy Spirit also resides in the hearts of those who are in the New Covenant. (Ezekiel 36:27)
  - God pours out His love in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (Rom 5:5)
  - Jesus promised in (John 7:38-39) that rivers of living water (the Spirit) would flow from the hearts of those that thirst, come to him, drink, and believe in Him.

In summary, my human heart (the spiritual heart and not the physical organ) is my container (storage file) of my personal reality, my deepest believed conclusions, deductions, and facts (my life truths), all of which I have gathered through the functions of my body, soul, and spirit. These “truths” are developed from an early age and continue being developed throughout our life.

As disciples of Jesus we have a responsibility to respond to the work of the Spirit in our heart by learning to get “evil” out and put “good” within our hearts. We also must learn to guard our heart for it affects everything we do (Proverbs 4:23). As disciples of Jesus and disciple makers for Jesus we model this in our own lives and affirm this work of the Spirit in the lives of those God brings to us.

- Now that we have new hearts (experienced mercy), God begins drastically changing our realities as we are (transformed by the renewing of our minds). (Rom 12:2)
- The Disciple Maker does not resent assisting their disciples cleanse, flee, and pursue righteousness (2 Tim 2:24-26)
- An emphasis on storing Gods word within us gleaned from scripture (Proverbs 3 & 4). Likewise (Hebrews 4:12) tells us that Gods word is “living and active...and discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”
- We still have an “old self” from our former way of life that we must “put off” and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds and to “put on” the “new self”, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24) (Colossians 3:1-17)
- Part of the Holy Spirits role is to assist us in continually putting to death the misdeeds of our sinful nature that still exists (Rom 8:13)

Emphasized by Jesus in the scripture is that we honor Father God and Jesus by honoring the Holy Spirit and His assignment by the Father. The Spirit can be trusted to fulfill His role in leading us into all truth.

- The Spirit leads us into all truth since he is the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-17, 26; John 15:26, John 16:7, 13-15).
- The Spirit within us causes us to walk in God's statutes and to be careful to obey God's rules. (Ezekiel 36:27)
- The Spirit writes on the tablet of the human heart (2 Corinthians 3:3) (Hebrews 8:10)
- Like Paul the Apostle, as disciple makers we proclaim Jesus, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this we toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within us. (Colossians 1:28-29)
- By responding to the work of the Spirit in our life we are changed from one glory to another (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).
- (1 Corinthians 2:9-14) – The Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God, and then reveals the things freely given to us by God.

Application exercise: Honoring our Helper and The Spirit of truth; the Holy Spirit.