

Sermon Discussion Guide

Heart Check

Taking Hold of the True Life

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Big Idea

When we are humble, hopeful, & generous we are imitating God, and we find the life that is truly life.

Icebreaker

Do you have any sort of health regiment that you repeat to stay physically healthy? What is it and how important is repetition or regularity to it?

Discussion Questions

1. Read **Matthew 6:9-13**. When have you had to trust God the most for your daily provision or protection from the evil one? Do you have a testimony of how He provided for you in a difficult season? Were or are you guilty of having a fleeting gratitude? Why was/is that?
2. Read **I Timothy 6:17-18**. Why do you think God needed to direct this command to “*those who are rich*”? What is something you are rightfully proud of (something you created or accomplished or possess) that has gotten a little out of balance regarding giving God the credit He is due for it? How has this damaged something in your life (i.e. your relationship with God or others) and how has it done so?
3. Without naming names, is there someone you have interacted with that exudes arrogance? How did this impact your desire to interact with or be in relationship with that person? Has anyone ever had that impression or feeling about you (be honest and vulnerable)? What did you, or could you do, about that either to correct it or stop the repetition of it with others?
4. God desires us to be rich in His way of being rich: in love, in grace, in good deeds, and in our important relationships. Share an example of where being humble, hopeful, trusting of God, and generous has allowed you to be rich in one or more of these Godly ways.
5. Do you relate to the thinking or statements like, “*Someday when I am financially secure or have more time, I will be generous with my time, talents, or treasure?*” Is this God’s desire for you? Why is this a dangerous position to hold and what may you be missing out on by conducting your life in that way?

Concluding Question

Read **I Timothy 6:19**. Do you hunger to take hold of the life that is truly life according to God’s economy? What is stopping you and what is something you could do today (start now) to pursue this? Is there a Heart Check area of focus (Local (Hamburg, Eden, Springville, or East Aurora), Regional (Buffalo), or Global (World) that stirs your heart more than the others? Is there a specific Heart Check partner or initiative of Revive Wesleyan that you are planning to make a bigger commitment (prayer for, engagement with, financial commitment to Heart Check for) towards because of that stirring? Which one and why?

Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer

- That our church body’s combined financial commitment to Heart Check would be what God desires