

Sermon Notes: My Place: Heart's Desire

Things to consider this week:

The Heart determines...

* Why I say the things I do

“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”

Matthew 12:34

* Why I feel the way I do

“The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

* Why I act the way I do

“Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.” Proverbs 4:23

Definition: Heart

- a. The organ that pumps your blood
- b. Your emotional constitution or disposition
- c. The vital force or driving impulse

The Bible uses the term “Heart” to represent the center of your motivation, desires and inclinations.

Summarize the Sermon in one sentence:

Write at least one way you can apply this sermon to your life:

Memory Verse of the week:

“Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord and not for men.”

Colossians 3:23

Getting Started

Have you ever been stuck with a task that you did half-heartedly because it was not what you wanted to do? Explain.

Have you ever followed your heart down a path that led to failure or pain? When should we follow our hearts, and when should we be cautious in following our hearts?

What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Digging Deeper

Read Eccl 2:10 Have you ever had an experience where you took real joy in a task that others might view as work? Explain:

Read Romans 9:1-3 and 10:1. Paul is talking about a passion of his heart. What is his passion and who is it for?

Read Galatians 1:15-16. Where does God send Paul? Why do you think God didn't send Paul to the Jews?

Read James 4:13-15. In light of these verses what do we always need to consider above our own desires?

What would putting this into action look like?

Read Psalm 37:4-5. What conditions are laid out for receiving our heart's desires?

Read Proverbs 3-6. What are we told to do with our heart and what will God do in return?

Evaluating your S.H.A.P.E. - Heart's Desire

Some questions to help you discover your Heart's Desire:

- What are you passionate about?
- What are your hobbies, collections, or free-time activities?
- What kinds of sports or activities do you often enjoy?
- What kinds of books or magazines do you read?
- What kinds of topics do you love to talk about?
- What kinds of issues get you excited or angry?
- What makes you sad or want to cry?
- What do you daydream about doing for someone else?
- What kinds of things could you easily spend all day doing?
- What kinds of jobs would you love to do even if you didn't get paid?
- What do you love doing on your day off?
- If you had millions of dollars what kinds of things would you want to be doing?
- Are there needs that concern you?
- What kinds of dreams did you have when you were a kid?
- What particular type of ministry have you thought about this past year?
- What jobs have you done that were really fulfilling?
- What kinds of things are you willing to do at a moment's notice?
- Would you rather work with your hands or your mind?

The goal is to find the motivations or desires behind the activities you enjoy. Here is a list of motivations and desires; try to identify some that you relate with:

Design	Develop	Pioneer	Organize
Operate	Maintain	Serve	Help
Acquire	Possess	Excel	Perform
Improve	Repair	Lead	Preserve
Follow	Prevail	Influence	Correct