

SEARCH MY HEART

Psalm 139.23, 24 // January 2, 2022

YOUR WORDS BETRAY YOUR HEART

Hebrews 4.12, 13 // Matthew 12.36, 37 // Psalm 141.3 // Colossians 3.16

How many of us take it seriously that we will give an account for every careless word that we speak? Gossip, snarky comments, speaking with bitterness or mockery...this should stop us in our tracks. Our words reveal our hearts, and “no creature is hidden from His sight” and we all “must give account.”

Our words are like a billboard advertising what is in our hearts. Complaint, gossip, anger, bitterness and snarkiness announce to the world the kind of people we are.

EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK

2 Timothy 3.16, 17 // John 17.17

Seek to follow your guide, which is the Word of God.

–Jonathan Edwards

Never be content with the wisdom or perspective you have now. We will all always need more transforming and conforming and shaping by God’s Word. We are in constant need of sanctification and sharpening by the double-edged sword of the Spirit, God’s Word.

Psalm 19.7

The first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was, to have my soul happy in the Lord.

–George Muller

DISCERNING THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTION OF THE HEART

Colossians 3.5-17 // Proverbs 18.4

God’s Word expects that we, as Christ followers, will not only put off things like anger, wrath, divisiveness, complaining, gossip, and slander, but that we will also *put on* compassionate hearts, meekness, humility, and patience. This is a tall order, one that, in our own flesh, is impossible because of human pride and self-righteousness. Nonetheless, we are called to die to self.

Aim to bless your enemies and watch your heart change.

Psalm 119.89 // Psalm 138.2

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Psalm 139.23, 24**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Hebrews 4.12, 13** and **2 Timothy 3.16, 17**. What great Gospel truths do these verses remind us about concerning the Lord's work in our hearts? What also brings a sobriety to your heart from within these verses?

Your Life Mission

We ought to want our words towards others to be the words and the *flavor* of Christ's. We seek to speak the truth in love, with boldness yet compassion. What relationships in your life would you like prayer for, maybe even that you are a little fearful of when it comes to sharing the Gospel? How does the excitement of Heaven motivate you?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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