



4-Devious Heart

Matthew 26:6-16, Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 4:23

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. When have you experienced the underhanded tactics of someone else? What did it do to you, and your relationship with the person?
3. In what ways are we tempted to use rules, laws and values to our benefit, and disregard them when they don't benefit us? Give some examples.
4. Read Matthew 26:6-16. Judas seems to justify his actions under the guise of helping the poor? How might we do this same thing when we know deep down we are doing something we likely shouldn't?
5. Read the warning in Jeremiah 17:9 and the encouragement in Proverbs 4:23. How have you seen the truth of each of these passages in your life or observed them in others?
6. Alvin suggested that we do 3 things to keep ourselves from the devious heart. 1. Healthy Distrust. 2. Don't Kid Yourself (most of us know when we are lying to ourselves). 3. Listen to The voice. How might these be helpful for us? Which of these are you most likely to do, and least likely to do, why?
7. Read the end of the Story of Judas in Matthew 27:1-5. It is a sad end to his story. Do you think it could have been different? Why? How?
8. Spend time confessing how your own heart is prone to be wicked, allow the conviction to turn to repentance that leads to life!
9. Pray for each other.